NEWS

Grayling man jailed for one year for fatal hit and run

A Grayling Township man was sentenced on Monday to serve one year in the Crawford County Jail for a hit and run accident that resulted in the death of a Mio man.

46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Janet M. Allen sentenced William Roger Gildner Jr., 48, to serve one year in jail for operating without security (automobile insurance) and 93 days in jail for operating without a valid driver's license. He was credited for two days aiready served in Jail.

Gildner was accused of hitting Neil Louis Pearce, 50, who was walking on M-72 West near the Grayling Hospital for Animals around 10:45 p.m. on Jan. 17, 2007. Pearce was not discovered until the next morning. 8A

SPORTS

Softball team sweeps Harrison 9-4, 17-10 on Thursday



Grayling High School's varsity girls softball squad played three doubleheaders last week, posting a sweep vs. Harrison, a split vs. East Jordan, and two losses at Boyne City.

On Friday night, Grayling defeated the visiting East Jordan Red Devils 3-2 in the first game of a Lake Michigan Conference series. East Jordan won game two by a final score

On Thursday, the Vikings swept the Harrison Hornets 9-4, 17-10 in a series played at GHS. 18 (1995)

Baseball squad wins Kingsley **Tournament**



After a bad start to their 2009 season - Grayling High School's varsity baseball team opened its 2009 campaign with three consecutive conference losses last week - the Vikings posted a first place finish at Saturday's Kingsley Tournament.

"We started to play better over the weekend and showed that we can be a good ball club. Some of our underclassmen are really playing well and our pitching is showing signs of improvement every time they get on the mound," Coach John Schneider said. 18

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Commission on Aging Board asked to hash out senior center options

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners last week firmly threw the ball back into the Crawford County Commission on Aging Board's court regarding the future of the Grayling Senior

Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore said that the

1,604 signatures on petitions to force a referendum vote on the county's issuance of \$1.5 million in bonds to pay for renovations and additions to the former Grayling Fish Hatchery building for a new home for the Grayling Senior Center will be verified by township clerks and Grayling City Clerk Michele Moshier. Moore estimated it would take a week to verify if the

signatures are from registered voters and the clerks were asked to send the petitions back to her office as soon as possible. Seniors seeking to force the referendum vote only needed to collect 1,150 signatures to put the funding proposal on the bal-

Meanwhile, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners are asking the Commission on Aging Board to

determine if they want to fund a special election for the referendum

Moore said it was too late to get the funding proposal on the May 5, annual school election ballot. Wording for a funding proposal would need to be approved by the Crawford County Board by May 26 if a special election will take place

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Four Girl Scout Troops pre-sold almost 7,000 boxes of Girl Scout cookies that will be delivered to homes and area businesses throughout Crawford County beginning this week. Above, Adlen Brown, an employee from Corrigan Moving Systems, unloads boxes of cookies off of a semi trailer at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library on Tuesday as John Isenhauer, the library's maintenance man, pitches in to help.

Girl Scouts will begin delivering cookies, more boxes available

Four Girl Scout Troops presold almost 7,000 boxes of Girl Scout cookies that will be delivered to homes and area businesses throughout Crawford County beginning this week.

Each year, girls in Daisy,

Brownie, Junior, Cadet and Senior Girls Scouts are encouraged to learn new life skills in entrepreneurship and business through the cookie sale pro-

One of the focal points of the

program that the girls are encouraged to develop is to give service to their community through the cookie sales. Crawford Area Girl Scouts sold boxes of cookies to individuals

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County board gives green light for ORV ordinance to shift gears in May

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted to approve an ordinance that would allow local and visiting ORV operators to travel on the shoulders of county roads with intentions of tweaking regulations and the network of roads next month.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners, by a 5-0 vote, approved an ordinance which will be known as "ORV 5-20-09." That means the county board plans to approve a final draft of the ordinance as well as roads that will be opened and closed for ORV travel at its Wednesday, May 20, regular meeting.

Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, said county officials have received over 60 letters from area residents and business owners supporting the ORV ordinance. He added that a few letters were received objecting the adoption of the ordinance, asking county officials to take more time to address potential safety issues.

Last year, a state law was passed allowing ORVs to travel along county roads in northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula in an attempt to boost the tourism economy.

County Commissioner Rick Anderson was in favor of adopting the ordinance last week rather than delaying the process another month. That will give township officials and the Crawford County Road Commission one month to provide a list of roads they would like to see closed to ORV travel. Road Commission officials have

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Trout season opens on Saturday

by Caleb Casey

Senior Staff Writer

The fishing seasons for trout, walleye, pike, and muskellunge start on Saturday, April 25.

"We're predicting a fair to good opener," said Jack Millikin, owner of Skip's Sport

The recent warm weather and lack of rain may help provide anglers with a productive first weekend of trout fishing.

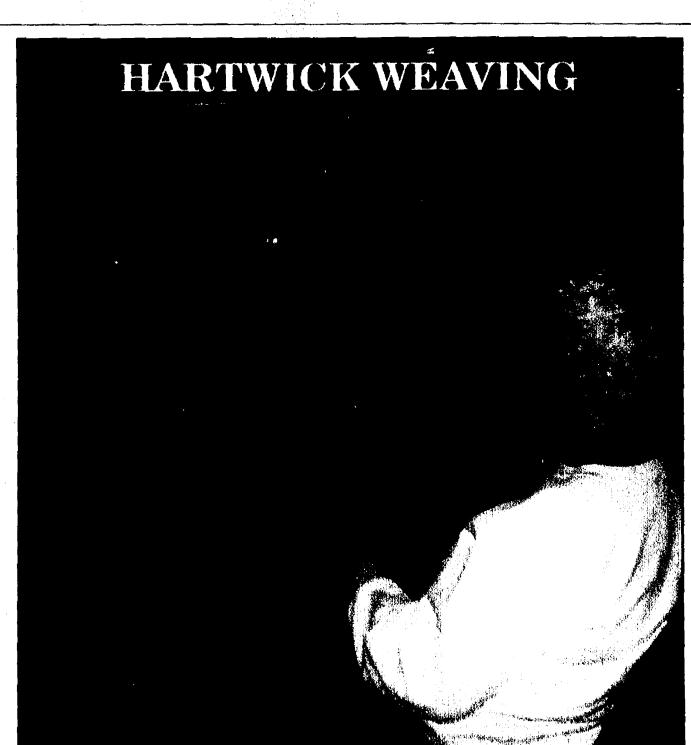
"Unless we get lots of rain it should be fair. All the snow and runoff should be over. With this week's sun and warmer temperatures, it should be a pretty fair opener that way," Millikin said last Friday. "The water is moderately high, so unless we get a bunch of rain this week the water should be pretty clean."

During this time of the year, "bites are really dictated by the previous week's weather," he said.

With water temperatures still low in area lakes, Millikin said he expects "bites will probably be slow to fair for pike and walleye. Most of the inland lakes are ice free. The water is still fairly clear."

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, "You must purchase a fishing license if you are 17 years of age or older. If you are under 17, you may fish without a license, but you are required to observe all fishing rules and regulations."

An all species license, which costs \$28, is required for trout fishing. A restricted license, which covers all species except trout and salmon, is \$15. Restricted licenses can be upgraded to all species for \$13.



The AuSable Manistee Fiber Guild presented a weaving demonstration at Hartwick Pines last Saturday. Audrey Schultz (left) and Marie Town (right) are pictured making their woven creations. Schultz is actually using strips of plastic bags for her project. "I'm making rugs for my porch," she said.

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Fire crews keep busy

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

Two fires occurred on or near Camp Grayling training grounds over the last week.

On Saturday, a fire occurred on the Range 40 Complex located between North Down River Road and County Road 612. The fire, which ignited some grassland, was started by an artillery shell as troops were training at the complex.

Camp Grayling Firefighters allowed grass on the range to burn, making sure the fire stayed within the confines of the range. They eventually stepped in and doused the flames. Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Firefighters were on stand-

"Sometimes, Camp Grayling burns off the ranges caused by military activity so they don't cause fires in the future when training picks up," said Jim Fisher, a resource protection manager for the DNR's Roscommon Field Office.

On Thursday, the DNR had a prescribed burn on 433 acres of state land located off of Fletcher Road near the Kalkaska-Missaukee county line. The land is south of the Camp Grayling training grounds.

Fisher said the burn was completed to curtail grasslands and brush to create better habitat for Sharptailed Grouse. Fisher said the fire burned in three separate blocks of forest land and was contained to the 433 acres, although a huge plume of flames could be seen miles away.

Fisher said DNR fire crews were elated to see rainfall on Sunday and Monday, but expect dry conditions to pick up near the end of the week.

Cleaning up the park



Several volunteers spent most of last Saturday morning preparing the Grayling City Park for summer use. They picked up trash, cleared brush and blew away leaves. The hard work was followed by a luncheon in the park.

City Council OKs Lake Street four-way stop

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

City officials are putting a stop to motorists at the intersection of Lake Street and Erie Street in hopes of avoiding major accidents when people go through the current stop signs.

The Grayling City Council, at its regular monthly meeting last week, designated the intersection of Lake Street and Erie Street as a four-way stop.

The move comes after over a year's worth of studies and safety improvements made at the intersection.

Citizens raised safety concerns about the intersecwere placed on Lake Street, giving motorists an extra reminder to stop at the intersection.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said the city also considered having huge pine trees at the intersection removed, but the trees are in the proper setbacks of the property owner.

The problem remains when people are trying to access North Down River Road and northbound I-75, Thayer said. Lake Street is also used as a quick route to M-72access West. Motorists build up speed on Lake Street or creep through the intersection without coming to a com-

plete stop. Thayer said that city offition last years Stop stripes scials hope the four way stop will bring a final solution where several major accidents and near misses have

occurred over the years.

"The last thing we want is to have somebody seriously hurt or die," Thayer said. "These are city streets and nobody should be going over 25 mph, but they do. That's a recipe for a serious disaster and this will take care of that."

Thayer said city officials will also be studying detour routes that motorists take while the I-75 Business Loop is under construction. Safety improvements will be made as new traffic patterns emerge on the city's street network.

"People are developing new traffic habits in response to the construction; and as they do that, we can look at ways to improve traffic efficiency and safety," Thayer said.

GRA added to sports complex committee

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners added another player to the team that will oversee the property and activities at the Crawford County Sports Complex.

The board, at its regular monthly meeting last week, amended its Crawford County Sports Complex policy to include a representative from the Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) on the Crawford County Sports Complex committee.

GRA Board member Brad Summers will join County Commissioners Mike Lange and Scott Hanson and County Administrator Paul Compo on the committee. The committee will be charged with overseeing the day-to-day decisions that need to be made regarding the sports complex property and the buildings on the grounds, which were formerly the Crawford County Fairgrounds. The committee will also make decisions regarding event positioning, property usage, building usage and future planning for the sports complex grounds. All fund-raising

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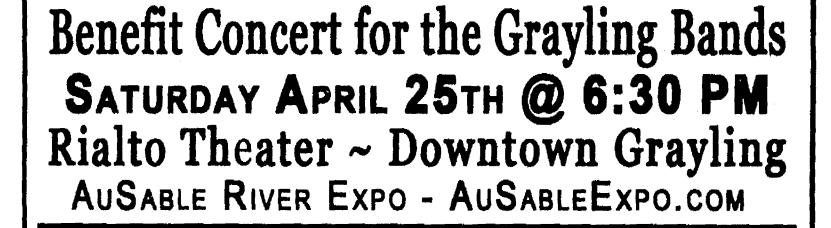
The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, located in the northwest corner of the sports complex grounds, is considered exempt from the

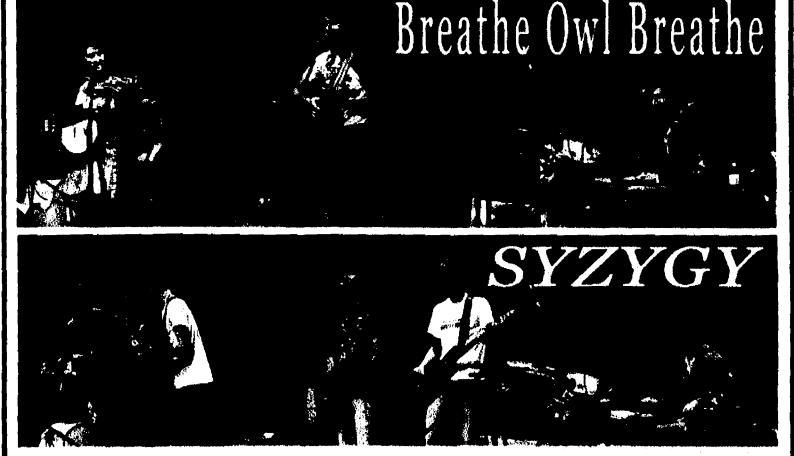
conditions of the policy. Lange said the GRA Board sought to have a member on the committee since it recently agreed to contribute \$25,000 in proceeds, made during Hanson Hill's stellar ski season, toward the development of Crawford AuSable Soccer Association (CASA) fields on the grounds. Along with funds earmarked for the redevelopment of the fairgrounds property, community economic development funds and capital improvement funds from CASA, about \$95,000 has been raised toward developing two soccer fields at the sports complex. Hanson Hills has plans to create two softball diamonds for adult league play once the soccer fields are relocated from their present location.

In related sports complex developments, the county board agreed to hire Gosling-Czuback, Traverse City based planning and engineering firm, to create design plans for the soccer fields and other amenities. The county is paying the firm \$7,500 for the plans.

CASA hopes to break ground soon, have one field ready for the 2010 season and have the majority of preparation work done for the second field.

"We believe we will have the funding in place to develop both fields, but we have to wait for the construction bids to be for sure," Compo said





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Local agencies take on ambitious project to curb substance abuse

by Matt Seager Staff Writer

Crawford County is stepping up its efforts to reduce or eliminate all forms of substance abuse within the area. A wide scale collaboration of local agencies, lead by prevention specialist Linda Gall, will be tackling the project over the next several months.

Gall is a representative of Catholic Human Services Inc. The massive project is being labeled a "Strategic Prevention Framework."

It will involve collaborations from local and state agencies, including the Department of Human Services (DHS), Grace Center, Mercy Hospital, Riverhouse Shelter, Community Mental Health, Commission on Aging, local courts, the National Guard, local law enforcement and several other organizations. A total of 29 agencies and organizations have been invited to participate in the project so far.

Funding for the initiative is being provided by a grant from Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services (NMSAS).

Until Sept., the project will be focused on fact finding and data gathering. This is the "assessment" phase of the initiative.

"You want the whole population represented," said Gall. "You go from youth all the way up to the elderly ... it's just a big picture."

Catholic Human Services has already hired an epidemiologist to offer a preliminary assessment of substance abuse occurrences in the county.

"Crawford County has been identified on a couple different issues for a high rate," Gall said.

Preliminary research has revealed that abuse of methadone and other synthetic opiates appears to be on the rise in Crawford County. These numbers are troubling to local agen-

"We're seeing a lot more usage of drugs that we thought were gone," said Crawford County DHS Director Cindy Pushman.

In 2003, a total of 373 people in the NMSAS region were treated for abuse of synthetic opiates, accounting for 4.9 percent of all treatment admissions.

Last year, there were 1,312 cases, accounting for 16.5 percent of treatment admissions.

Although these statistics encompass a wide area, it is believed that synthetic opiate abuse has grown at approximately the same pace in all counties throughout the region.

A 2007 age breakdown of treatment admissions suggests that people age 21-30 run the highest risk of abuse, with 50 percent of all opiate treatment in the region occurring in this age range.

Suicide and accidental poisonings from prescription drug overdoses are also on the rise.

"People sometimes think that if it's a prescription pharmaceutical it's okay," said Pushman. "The risks are still there."

On the other hand, crime statistics seem to indicate

that drunk driving is actually on the decline.

In Crawford County. there were 2.68 alcohol related crashes per 1,000 people in 2002. This rate had dropped to 1.86 per 1,000 people by 2007.

However, Crawford County still has a higher rate than the statewide average, which was 1.33 alcohol related crashes per 1,000 people in 2007.

From 2002-2007, Crawford County's overall alcohol related crash rate was 65 percent higher than state average. However, these numbers may be inflated somewhat by incidents involving tourists.

The Strategic Prevention Framework will not rely solely upon raw numbers.

"It takes in all areas within a community ... you want the community itself to look at the problem," Gall said. "As we get all this put together ... it's like having a blueprint for the county."

Gall said that her agency plans to implement measures to counteract prevalent substance abuse issues this fall, once the fact finding work has been complet-

The NMSAS grant does not provide funds for this phase of the project, but it is assumed that local agencies will chip in.

"One of the key pieces of any kind of prevention work is education," Gall said. "The bottom line is changing a population's mentality."

She admitted that this is easier said than done.

"Substance use is very personal ... so how do you make a change?" she said.

She also said that it's important to be sensitive while educating youth who might just be looking for new ways to get high.

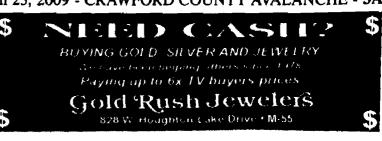
"It's really hard to get the information out without teaching them what to do," Gall said.

Nonetheless, Gall is confident that, with the right measures, widespread change is possible.

Ten years ago, she helped direct a similar initiative in Otsego County targeting underage drinking. By standardizing sentencing and referring all minor in possession cases to a single judge, courts were able to handle cases on a more consistent

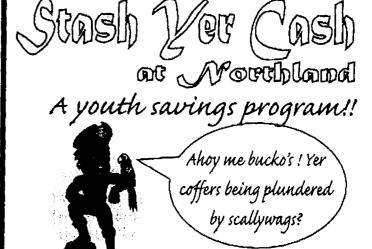
In many cases, this effort seemed to curtail underage drinking. However, arrests initially skyrocketed because of improved coordination between law enforcement officers and local agencies.

"It had to go up before it dropped down ... these are hard things to measure because of that," Gall said. "It's a long process because you can't just change a foundation overnight."





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Part of Four Mile Road may be changed to gravel

by Caleb Casey Senior Staff Writer

The Crawford County Road Commission is currently considering a plan that would turn a portion of Four Mile Road from pavement to gravel, due to the

face. The stretch of Four Mile Road that could be affected runs from the railroad tracks near I-75 to Staley Lake Road, approximately

poor condition of the road-

way's existing asphalt sur-

three miles. Last year, the Road Commission executed a similar plan on Wakeley Bridge Road, pulverizing a portion of that road (from M-72 to the bridge). The Road Commission currently has a plan in place to repave the pulverized part of Wakeley Bridge Road this year or next year using approximately \$300,000 in anticipated federal economic stimulus money.

Don Babcock, Road Managing Commission Director, said Four Mile Road is on the list for resurfacing using money generated by the Road Commission's millage, but the improvements are probably "three to four years down the road."

Pulverizing a portion of Four Mile Road "is certainly an option to look at if it keeps getting worse. I don't know if we're at that point with this one yet," Babcock said.

At the Road regular Commission's board meeting last Thursday, Tim and Lori Weismiller, owners of Jellystone Park, a campground and recreational area that is located off of Four Mile Road, expressed concern that three to four years might be too long to

"Our concern is that in three to four years there's not going to be a road there," T. Weismiller said. "With the rate that it's hurting our business, I don't know."

The Weismillers said they've recently made a lot of improvements to their business and are trying to expand their operation, but the poor condition of Four Mile Road is costing them

"We can continue to grow if we get the customers there," Weismiller said.

Babcock and board members agreed to send out surveys to people who live near the Four Mile Road area that would be affected in an effort to gather more input. The Road Commission conducted a similar survey before pulverizing Wakeley Bridge Road last

"We have to crunch the numbers and see," said Ken Riehle, chairman of the Road Commission Board. "It's just a matter of money - what's it going to cost us and what's it going to save

"I'll send the survey out and we'll start crunching the numbers to see what we can do," Babcock said.



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Last week's online poll question and results:

Which Michigan sports team is most likely

This week's online poll question: Will you go trout fishing during this weekend's season opener?

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FOR A JOB that lately seems to have more headaches than rewards, being governor of Michigan still seems to be an attractive goal.

It takes a special kind of person to become governor of a state which is in chronic debt, its most important industry has faded swiftly and sometimes seems headed for either death or drastic downsizing, has the highest unemployment rate in the country, needs about \$800 million just to pay last year's operating bills, with even more severe budgetary problems looming for next year and probably for the foreseeable future.

Michigan's next governor likely will face the unhappy choice of severely reducing services to the public to even lower levels, or extracting more tax dollars from both personal and business taxpayer, or most likely, all of the above.

Who would want a job like that, even if it were

Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Choices plentiful for new Michigan governor

offered?

Still, plenty of candidates already are lining up to take a shot at the 2010 Michigan gubernatorial election. Some even have already backed out.

CASE IN POINT: L. Brooks Patterson, elected Oakland County executive five times, announced in January he was taking a look at running for the Republican nomination for governor in 2010, but in early April decided he won't because Oakland County needs him too much.

Other considerations may have been into play, too. Mr. Patterson is 70 and said he wanted to spend more time with his family, which is a legitimate goal at any age. He also figured he would need to raise \$20 million or more to run a solid campaign, which is a lot of money and often carries a lot of strings.

Early polls - while Mr. Patterson was a possible candidate - showed him leading the GOP field of potential candidates, and ahead of the top Democratic potential.

But this is not the time for Brooks Patterson to run for governor. He tried in 1982, but lost in a bruising GOP primary to Richard Headlee, who in turn lost to Democrat James Blanchard. After two terms as governor, Gov. Blanchard then lost out in 1990 to the Republican challenger, state Sen. John Engler, and again in a comeback 2002 Democratic primary to current Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

BOTH PARTIES this year have plenty of ponies in the stable as the 2010 election looms, and it certainly is not too early to start serious ground-laying for anyone who wants to stand a chance to win the unenviable office.

Term limits have helped create the interest.

Gov. Engler was cut down by term limits in 2002,

although as the sitting governor when the two-term limit went into effect, he managed to pull out three terms instead of two in the executive office.

Now it's Democrat Gov. Jennifer Granholm who must go somewhere else because of term limits, leaving the governor's job with no incumbent. That's always an enticement for anyone who has had eyes on any particular elected position ... or maybe feels he/she deserves the promotion ... or, hopefully, feels that she/he is the best qualified person and can best serve the people and do the best

Democrat Lt. Gov. John Cherry and Republicans, Atty. Gen. Mike Cox and Secy. of State Terri Lynn Land, also are term-limited out of their present jobs. Not surprisingly, now all three want to be governor, and all three are prominent figures in the early jockeying for the 2010

nominations.

Recently published lists of real, probable or "perhaps" candidates include 8-10 Republican possibilities and 6-8 Democratic potentials.

One thing seems certain: At this point, more than 15 months before the 2010 Michigan primaries when party voters will choose candidates for governor, it looks like a wide-open race and anything can happen.

THIS ALSO IS the season for "The Great Mentioner," whose role in public life is to mention someone as a candidate for something, which only sometimes turns out to be true.

The subject sometime is his/her own "mentioner," as when a story is circulated that "John Doe may run for governor" which percolates in several places until John Doe publicly declares that John Doe will not run for governor.

Sometimes the mentioner

is the subject of the mention himself/herself, in a ploy designed to arouse public interest either in a potential candidacy, or in some other way to advance some personal end.

More often the "Great Mentioner" is a news conveyor or self-proclaimed political pundit, who wants to appear to be in the know about politics, or perhaps seeks to ferret out the real intentions of a reluctant potential candidate.

Either way, several of the names on the lists of potential candidates for governor and other offices at stake in the 2010 election are products of a mentioner, great or minor, someplace. It may not be a savory role, but sometimes it can be fun.

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Appalled at local government's decision

To the editor:

Since I have been contemplating this letter for a long time, I may be too late concerning the west and east M-72 project currently being implemented.

I have always presumed one of local government's main concerns is to promote and encourage local businesses. They are the taxpayers within the city that pay the highest costs on both personal and real prop-

The project certainly will eliminate the downtown businesses due to a lack of traffic. Then, who will be responsible for the lost revenue to our local government? You got it, the home-

struggling to meet financial demands and are most likely unemployed.

During this economic downfall of the whole country, I am appalled that local governments would proceed with this ludicrous and disastrous action. I realize this project comes from M-DOT, but, the city could have refused or agreed to an alternate plan that would not have affected the downtown area. Are your state elected officials aware of the impact this would have on the city, after the expense of the new streetscape done on the downtown area? Was that wasted money?

Joan L. Murphy Roscommon

owners, who are already Save Mom n' Pops

To the editor:

Money is tight, times are tough. Our hometown is limping.

This may make what I am

about to propose sound absurd, but after looking closely you will see it is not. We can all ban together and become the crutch that assists Grayling in making it through to the other side of this. In this time of penny pinching and staying home, we should all be making it a point to go out and support our local establishments.

All you need to do is gather your friends and family and enjoy our hometown diners and restaurants a few times a month.

By supporting our town, you are supporting yourself. Keeping these places in business keeps people working and spending money. It will slowly trickle its way back to you and your business.

It's a fun way to get to know your home, and save it before it's too late.

> Ryan Richardson Roscommon

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To express an opinion on a news, feature, or op-ed article, click on a story and scroll down to the "What do you think?" header (it's highlighted with a red color bar). Fill in your name and type your comments in the area provided, and click the "Post Comment" icon when finished. Existing comments are listed between the "What do you think?" header and the area to post new comments. Readers are also welcome to respond to comments posted by other readers.

All comments are subject to approval by Crawford County Avalanche management prior to publication on our Internet site. Comments are limited to 200 words.

Excerpts from recent comments posted on our Internet site:

Dave wrote on March 11 (regarding city zoning): "Once again we see (the city manager) taking away one more freedom in this city. When will people wake up and see that our rights are being violated by a man who doesn't even live in the city? All of these rules apply to everyone but

Aida wrote on March 13 (regarding senior center): "Thirty eight percent is how many seniors who will not be able to travel to the Fish Hatchery to get meals on a daily basis? How many seniors moved to the apartments adjacent to the senior center to take advantage of the meals, card games, planned trips and other activities? I doubt many of the residents who use a walker, cane, wheelchair or motorized scooter care about promises of a nature path. Nor can most of the seniors who don't drive care to pay to ride dial-a-ride daily just to get a hot meal."

Tom wrote on March 17 (regarding city zoning ordinance): "Sounds as if Mr. Thayer wants to turn the City of Grayling into an association with rules and guidelines. What's next? Is the city going to pass an ordinance making it necessary for homeowners to sell their property to only 'pre-approved' buyers?"

Kim wrote on March 18 (regarding senior center): "What considerations and commitments are being made to the seniors who live in senior housing to ensure they can access meals and activities? I keep hearing that it will not be a problem, but have yet to hear about the magic solution."

Troy wrote on March 25 (regarding ORV ordinance): "I think it's a great idea for the area to open up the roads to ORVs. We recently purchased property in the Frederic area with the hopes that this would happen. We are avid outdoors people, four-wheelers, snowmobiles, etc. I enjoy the area and this would bring in so much business for the area's businesses. We are law abiding, taxpaying citizens and I feel I have the right to be able to drive my ORV on the sides of

Tracy wrote on March 29 (regarding hit and run fatality): "How horrible that just because you come from a well known family in Crawford County you can literally get away with murder. Or vehicular manslaughter. Why Crawford County would allow this is beyond me, If you want to drink and drive make sure you don't have a license and do it in Crawford

Tracy wrote on March 29 (regarding hit and run fatality): "It makes me sick to my heart that anyone could have such a low value of someone else's life to take it and not even care. The man might have died at the (scene); however, the memory of this travesty will go on with the family and friends forever. Crawford County should be ashamed of their police, their prosecutors and the citizens that allow this to continue!"

Sister wrote on March 27 (regarding hit and run fatality): "My family was beginning to believe no one in Crawford County respected life. Someone can kill a man and get away with traffic violations? The only thing that helps me deal with this is knowing someday he will have to stand before God and explain his actions and so will everyone who has lied and covered up for

Petition wrote on March 31 (regarding senior center): "People should be able to vote on this, not have it done by the will of a few. If it's the will of the community, let it be. Otherwise, let's stop letting a few (like those that thought up the streetscape debacle) make all the decisions."

Cam wrote on March 31 (regarding hit and run fatality): "A complete tragedy with the appalling loss of a human life. The prosecutor should have gone to the mat to get a conviction, rather than allowing a plea agreement. I wonder if Mr. Ayers looked into the defendant's driving record and personal (drinking) history before making his decision."

Bill wrote on April 1 (regarding 1-75 Business Loop project): "It seems foolish at best to schedule something as disruptive as this for the prime tourist months (even if they ARE stopping work during the holiday weekends and the marathon, the roads will still be barricaded and ripped up, confusing and confounding outof-town visitors and the local drivers). I grew up in Grayling and still visit often, and I believe that this project is going to be the coup de grace on a struggling local economy."

Outraged wrote on April 2 (regarding hit and run fatality): "It is an utter disgrace to not only the family of this poor man but the community as a whole. There are cases being tried in our court that are minor in manner but the prosecutor's office will push forward and not allow a plea, but in this case a man was killed and the prosecutor's office basically just gave Gildner a slap on the wrist. Where is the justice in our system? Did our county make a mistake in voting Ayers into this office? I have definitely lost all confidence in our court system."

Sharon wrote on April 8 (regarding ORV ordinance): "This is the best thing that could happen for our county. Imagine the revenue that this will bring in. It's a plus any way you look at

Travis wrote on April 15 (regarding ORV ordinance): "I really think that Grayling needs this. I know lots of people who are ready to come up here ASAP to ride. I'm ready to get out and ride some new trails! The ones here are boring right now. Plus, I live here and I have to had ATV three miles down the road to ride."

Sharon wrote on April 16 (regarding ORV ordinance): "First off, when people talk about ORVs making the roads worse, they obviously haven't been out on any of the trails. Myself and my family have been riding for 12 years. The routes we have to trailer to at present are in far better shape than the roads you drive your cars and trucks on. So how people can say our guads are going to make it worse than it is, is absolutely wrong. This new ordinance is going to bring revenue into our county, something that we badly need. They will spend their money here instead of just driving through to go to another county where they will be able to enjoy the sport."

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Recreation Expo to be held

The first ever AuSable Valley Recreation Expo will be held on Saturday, April 25, and Sunday, April 26, at the Ramada Inn of Grayling. For more information, go to www.ausableexpo.com.

Church to hold Spring Bake Sale

The St. Mary's Ladies Club will hold a Spring Bake Sale on Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Family Center.

Hartwick Pines celebrates Earth Day

Hartwick Pines will celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 25. Activities are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 989-348-2537, or e-mail Craig Kasmer at kasmerc@michigan.gov.

AuSable Expo concert to be held

There will be a benefit concert on Saturday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the Rialto Theater. The concert is part of the AuSable River Expo and is a benefit for the Grayling Band program. The concert will feature two Michigan bands. Breathe Owl Breathe is a young indie group from Ann Arbor and Syzygy hails from Elk Rapids. Tickets can be purchased at Dharma Music.

Spring Art Walk to be held

The Watershed Art Project presents the 2nd Annual Spring Art Walk in conjunction with the AuSable Valley Recreation Expo at the Ramada Inn. This downtown Grayling event will take place from 1p.m. to 5 p.m. Basketry, fiber art, jewelry, painting, photography, stained glass and woodcarving will be featured with all artists selling their fine artwork.

Angelfood distribution announced

Angelfood distribution will be Saturday, April 25, from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Grayling Free Methodist Church. Lunch will be served during pick up times.

Church to hold silent auction

St. Mary's Church, Grayling, will hold a silent auction on Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will support landscaping and paving the back parking lot.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar, armitism to the enter a man account of

Local scouts to lend a helping hand

With unemployment on the rise and many families facing economic hardship, a group of local Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts are putting their well-worn hiking boots to a slightly different use - collecting non-perishable food and other household items to be donated to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center.

The scouts announced that they would go door to door collecting items as part of the Scouting for Food campaign taking place in communities across the state.

The scouts distributed collection bags doorstops on Saturday, On Saturday, April 18. April 25, the scouts will return to pick up bags, which they are asking residents to fill with non-perishable food and paper products.

The items will be collected by the scouts and

delivered to the Crawford Community County Christian Help Center to be distributed to needy families in Crawford County.

"Scouting for Food" gives our youth the opportunity to give something back to their community. All Boy Scouts promise to "help other people at all times" and Cub Scouts promise to "give good will" and this is one more example of that promise in action.

If you would like to donate and will be out of town, or live in an area that did not receive bags, you may drop off items at Goodales Bakery, the Medicine Shoppe or the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center before April 25.

Any questions regarding this project may be directed to any scout leader or Loren Goodale of Troop 979 at 348-8682.

3 on 3 basketball tournament set for April 25

The Grayling Spirit Club 3 on 3 basketball tournament, an event for boys and girls in grades 3-8, will be held on Saturday, April 25, at Grayling High School Grayling Middle School.

The tournament will 10 divisions. Medals for first and second place will be awarded in each division. Each team is guaranteed two games. Referees will officiate each contest.

Cost to participate is \$45 per team (for up to four players). Registration forms are available at Grayling High School, Grayling Middle School, Elementary Grayling School.

Teams can also sign up during the event's late registration period (7:30-8:15 a.m. on Saturday at GHS).

For more information, contact Dianne Tobin at (989) 344-3506.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for April 18 of \$25 each; Cheryl Melroy, Sally Golnick and Tina Bassett.

Several events planned for opening weekend of fly season

There will be a variety of throughout the Crawford County area celebrating local culture this weekend.

The AuSable Valley Recreation Expo 2009 will take place on April 24-26 and featured over 50 exhibits.

In conjunction with the the Devereaux Expo, Memorial Library will be hosting a "Golden Gala" on Friday from 6 p.m. until 9

The Lovells Township Museum will be hosting its annual "Trout Opener" event on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Watershed Art The Project's Second Annual Spring Art Walk will be on Saturday from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. in downtown Grayling.

Over 15 artists will be participating in this year's Spring Art Walk, with downtown Grayling businesses hosting the artists. Basketry, fiber art, jewelry, painting, photography, stained glass and woodcarving will all be featured. A student art show will feature high school students from the area and surrounding schools.

There will be a benefit concert for Grayling bands at the Rialto Theater in downtown Grayling on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. The event will feature local talents including "Breathe Owl Breathe" and "SYZYGY." Tickets can be purchased at Dharma Music or at the Ramada Inn during the Expo. Advance tickets are \$10, or \$8 for students and seniors. Tickets are priced at \$12 and \$9 at the door.

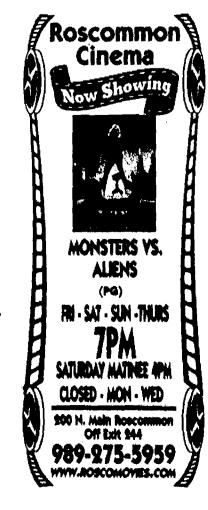
Plans for the Expo itself have recently expanded, with world-renowned fly fishing expert John Dietsch being a featured presenter at the Expo on Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26, at the Ramada Inn.

The Expo takes place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Don Mason, chair of the AuSable Expo, stated that "The Expo planning team is thrilled to bring John Dietsch to the Expo in its inaugural year. We believe his name recognition will attract people for his presentations at 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, and again at 11:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m. on Sunday."

John Dietsch is best known in the fly fishing world for spending nearly a year supervising the fly fishing scenes in Robert Redford's film A River Runs Through It, as well as doubling for Brad Pitt. Dietsch is known as a leading consultant and talent for fly fishing films, commercials, and television shows - and has fished around the globe. A guide in Aspen in the 1980s, John has spent most of his life chasing species with a fly rod and a camera - and is considered one of the thought leaders in the new movement of digital fly fishing that is sweeping the web.

Dietsch has given talks



around the world about the sport he loves and the media projects he's made. He will present a mix of video and slides from the 50 countries and U.S. locations where he has filmed. John will discuss the guides and outfitters he has met along his travels, and in a humorous and touching fashion, will look at the guiding lifestyle that is at the core of his latest television series, Adventure Guides: Fly Fishing Edition. Dietsch feels that guides are among the most interesting and passionate human beings he's ever met.

As part of this behind-thescenes look into guiding, John will also delve into his own stories that go along with his life of making films about fly fishing. In these troubled economic times, Dietsch reminds us that it is the simple pleasures - like being on the river - that make life worth living.

Dietsch has produced more than 300 episodes of adventure and environmentally-based television for a variety of TV stations and cable networks and has hosted numerous TV series about adventure travel and fishing.

In addition to presentations on Saturday and Sunday, Dietsch will also sign books both days and on Monday will fly fish on a guided tour of the AuSable River. His film crew will photograph the fishing trip and the raw footage will be developed into a segment that will ultimately be shown on Adventure Guides: Fly Fishing Edition.

For more information about the upcoming Expo, contact Don Mason at 989-348-3921 or check online at www.ausableexpo.com or http://www.upnorthlive.com.



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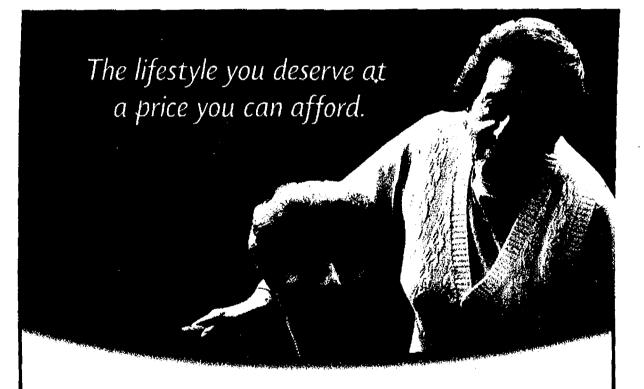
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The Bible Speaks

Issac's Resurrection Hope

Romans 9:6 taught us, "....they are not all Israel, which are of Israel." Being a Jew, Hebrew, or Israelite does not mean one is automatically saved. Salvation begins with inward change, not outward show; Substance always precedes symbols; Privilege never assures promise.

Romans 9:7-9 narrows the basis for assurance of "7Neither, salvation: because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. 8That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. 9For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son."

First, God's promise of salvation to Abraham was only through the seed of Isaac. "7Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called." A good commentary on this truth is taught in Galatians 4:22-31. Abraham only had two sons, one by "a bondmaid" Hagar, and the other by "a freewoman" Sarah. Ishmael was born after the works of the flesh, and Isaac was born by God's promise through

the Spirit. Ishmael, illustrates by allegory the works by the law which cannot save anyone. Isaac pictures faith in God's promise of grace alone. As Christians, we are assured Galatians 4:28: "28Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise." The conflict between the two systems in Galatians 4:29 still rages: "29But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit,

even so it is now."

Second, God's promise of salvation to Abraham was not through the works of the flesh. "8That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed." Hebrews 11:17-19 reveals "17By Abraham's faith: faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 180f whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: 19Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure." After being ordered to cast out his son Ishmael in Genesis 21, Abraham was commanded to sacrifice his only son Isaac in Genesis

22. There God provided Himself a substitute lamb (Gen. 22:8), reminding us Isaac pictured the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. There Abraham saw salvation as stated in John 8:56 by Jesus Christ.

Third, God's salvation is

through Sarah, not Hagar. "9For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son." "11Through faith also Sarah herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised." (Hebrews 11:11). Whether one be Jewish, Muslim, Christian or anything else, God has revealed only one plan of salvation for all: "6Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6). "12Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12). Pastor

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President: David Stephenson

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County board gives green light for ORV ordinance to shift gears in May

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said that they don't want ORVs traveling on the county's primary roads, which handle most of the traffic. There are 179 miles of primary roads in Crawford County. Under the state's ORV legislation, townships in July will have the option of creating their own ORV ordinances and choosing what roads they want open and closed in their jurisdiction.

Anderson said residents can take the debate to their township officials, adding he did not want to "beat the issue to death" at the county level.

"From a judgement call, we can create the position where the people question if the county commissioners are doing their jobs or we can wait until July and we can put the onus on the individual townships," Anderson said.

County Commissioner Scott Hanson, who spearheaded the effort to get the ORV ordinance passed, was in favor of having another public hearing on the ordinance in May where detailed maps would be finalized and available.

Under a map developed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Road Commission officials, Hanson said that quite a few roads would be open to ORVs in Beaver Creek Township. Just a few roads would be open to ORV travel in South Branch Township, where the township board has taken a tough stance against the ordinance. Some roads in Lovells Township would allow ORV operators to come into the county from an Oscoda

County trail system. Hanson said the large amount of Camp Grayling military training ground; the Manistee and AuSable River systems and the Kirtland's Warbler habitat made it difficult to find trail connections in Grayling Charter Township and Frederic Township. Trail connections in those townships would involve travel on some pri-

mary roads. Ilene Geiss-Wilson, executive director of the Grayling Visitors Bureau, said she worked on a map utilizing some existing snowmobile trails with Susan Thiel, management director for the DNR's Grayling Forest Unit. Thiel has previously said that some of the snowmobile trails have been achieved through easements with private property owners who don't mind snowmobiles in the winter, but do object to ORVs on their property in

other seasons. About 35 people attended the county board's public hearing for the ORV ordinance. Most comments made were regarding tough enforcement of the ordinance, roads that would be opened and riding ORVs near their homes to connect with existing state trails and the future county road net-

work. Officials hope that the ORV ordinance gives local hotels, gas stations and restaurants a boost in the

current economy. "The season is here and

we want to get going as quick as you do and get the local economy going," Frederic Township resident Todd Gabriel said.

It was unclear if the ordinance would go into effect on May 20 or when it is published in the May 28 edition of the Crawford County Avalanche. Administrator Paul Compo said he would have an answer to that question by the board's Thursday, May 7, committee meetings.

Violation of the ordinance would carry up to a \$500 fine plus the cost of environmental damage done to local roads. Half of the fines go to the road commission for maintenance and the other half goes to the sheriff's office for enforcement.

Frederic Township resident Jack Kurtz said Crawford County ORV operators are not the problem.

"The local people are not the problem - people that are putting around the neighborhood - that's not a problem," Kurtz said. "It's the people that are roaring up and down the roads that are the problem. They leave their brains at Highway 55."

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said that the sheriff's office recently purchased an ORV through a state grant aimed at enforcing ORV regulations.

Wakefield, however, said that grant has time limits on when a deputy can focus on ORV complaints and incidents. He added that there are only two road deputies on during a shift handling other complaints.

"We're ready to go, but you have to understand that it's one person and he can't be everywhere at the same time," Wakefield said.

Dennis Fyock, the owner of River Park Campground, agreed with the county's move to open up all roads and close down ones that officials don't want ORVs to travel on.

Fyock also said that the county could work with military officials to find trail connections away from active training ranges.

"There are a lot of places that people can ride out there without infringing on the rights of the military,"

Fyock said. The ORV legislation allows operators to travel on county road shoulders without having liability insurance. The regulations come under Michigan no-fault insurance laws, similar to snowmobile regulations, and the ORV operator is automatically considered at fault when an accident

Frederic Township resident Jerry Dill questioned why the legislation was allowed to move forward by state lawmakers without insurance being required.

occurs.

"How can they possibly pass this when they don't have to have insurance just like anybody else?" Dill said. "They're passing the

the board, Grayling Charter Township resident Kay Cosgray said it was a bad idea to open up roads to uninsured and sometimes unlicensed ORV operators.

In an opposition letter to

"This is opening up the opportunity for accidents and misuse of a privilege," Cosgray said.

Hanson said it is a misconception that ORVs can be operated on county roads by people who have lost their licenses for drunk driving convictions or have a license that is suspended or revoked. He said ORV operators age 12-15 must have a DNR ORV operator's permit, while people age 16 and older must have a valid driver's license under state regulations.

As for liability, Hanson said ORV riders at fault would have to face their consequences in court if a lawsuit is filed by another

"It doesn't matter what we do, lawsuits are part of the American way," Hanson said.

Charter Grayling Township resident Tom Baker questioned if he would be able to drive his golf cart under the ordinance.

Wakefield said there are a host of changes recently made to Michigan Vehicle Code for golf carts, ATV mules, go carts and mini bikes. Wakefield said he would make the information available to residents at the sheriff's office or at its web site: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

"There are some changes and some of them are shockers," Wakefield said.

While state police and DNR conservation officers won't enforce the county ordinance, Baker hopes officers would give ORV operators a sympathetic ear.

"It's just like the Gestapo," Baker said of dealing with some DNR conservation officers.

Wakefield said his deputiesi) allow | people to travel from their homes to trailheads from distances within reason. The sheriff, however, said there will be no leniency from people riding on roads miles away from their homes to the trails.

"As with any law, there has to be common sense enforcement," Hanson said.

Grayling Township resident John Stegman praised county officials for their attempts to educate the public about the ordinance and the time put into developing a road network to link with state trails.

"It's a great sport, but the damage that could be made by a few in a year could make this a moot subject," Stegman said.

A map of the proposed roads that would be opened by the county will be available at the county's web site - crawfordco.org - or on a

disc from Compo. Patrick Ertel, a county resident and restoration project manager for Huron Pines, suggested a committee be put together before the ordinance moves forward. Ertel feared erosion issues on roads and rivers and conflicts with joggers, dog walkers and bicyclists.

"Undoing the harm will be much more difficult than thinking it through before making a decision," Ertel said in an opposition letter to the board.

Church Directory

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Christian Science Society	
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Sunday Service10	:30 am
April through October	
2nd & 4th Wednesday	
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Michelson Memorial United Meti	nodist
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Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo	
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Pastor David Jorgensen	
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Pastor: Larry Hankins	
8133 Bald Hill Rd Lovells	
(989) 348-2701	
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3474 West Park Road, Luzern	
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Obituaries

Howard K. Guyett, Sr. Howard Kenneth Guyett, Sr., 77, of Grayling, passed away on April 18, 2009.

He was born in Pontiac. on October 27, 1931, to the late Howard and Mildred M. Guyett.

He worked at General Motors and retired after 30 years. He also worked as a bus driver for five years with Crawford AuSable School District and eight summers at Rays Canoe Livery.

He married Jean E. Tiltman on February 15. 1951, in Pontiac.

He enjoyed yard work, especially wood cutting on his property in Grayling, and casino trips with the seniors.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jean E. Guyett; son, Robert T. (Robin) Guyett Rochester Hills; grandsons, Reid T. Guyett of Royal Oak and Shaun M. Guyett of Rochester Hills; brother, Ronald Guyett (Joan) of Rochester.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Howard Guyett Jr.; two brothers; and two sisters.

A funeral service was held on April 21, 2009, with Terrie Lockwood, Funeral Service Celebrant, officiating.

Interment was at Perry Mount Park Cemetery in Pontiac.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

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Margaret A. Loeffler Margaret Amelia

Loeffler, 92, of Lovells, passed away on April 9, 2009. She was born in London,

Ontario, Canada, on February 2, 1917, to the late John and Ellas (Poile) gob Rex.

married She Otto Loeffler on November 16, 1935, in Detroit. They were married for 72 years before he preceded her in death in 2007.

She is survived by her son, Robert E. (Madeline) Loeffler of Warren; daughter, Carroll M. Shotz Rankin of Gaylord; grandchildren: Thomas (Kristi) Rankin of Phoenix, Ariz., Rob Loeffler of Elgin, Ill., Tina (Joe) Zito of Macomb Township; and greatgrandchildren, Danielle and Kyle Zito.

No public services are planned at this time.

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Lois M. Varner

Lois Mae Varner, 80, of Grayling, passed away on April 15, 2009.

She was born in Detroit, on December 31, 1928, to the late Harvey N. and Addie M. (Kendall) Doom.

She was married to Andrew Hymers for 20 years before he preceded her in death. She then married Wilfred Eugene Varner on October 12, 1974, in Dearborn. He preceded her in death.

She moved to the Grayling area from Garden City in 1994.

She is survived by daughters: Wendy Campbell of Milan, Pamela (Richard) Engel Grayling, Patricia (Neil) Fulton of Grayling; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 2, at 1 p.m. at the chapel at Hartwick Pines State Park.

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Terry L. Press

Terry Lyn Press, 48, passed away on April 16, 2009.

She was born in Midland on January 3, 1961.

She is survived by her mother, Julia Diemert; son, Calvin Kangas; brothers: Richard (Lisa) Press, Robert Press, Delbert Case; sisters, Elizabeth (Jeff) Hoyt, Michelle Palmer; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces nephews.

A funeral service for the family was held on April 18, 2009, at Wolfe Funeral Home, Kalkaska, with cremation following.

Sally A. Swenson Sally A. Swenson, 82, of Grayling, passed away on April 15, 2009.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, May 3, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

A full obituary will appear in next week's edition of the Avalanche and be viewed at may www.sorensonlockwood.c

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Library News

A celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited's 6th Annual Trout Opener "Golden Gala" will be held at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Friday, April 24, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The festivities will include Jeff "Bear" Andrews, winner of the prestigious "Buz" Buszek Memorial Fly Tying Award and current fly fishing editor of Michigan Outof-Doors magazine. Local skilled fly tiers will be on to demonstrate their talents as well as Jerry Regan, our own expert on Grayling historical flies. The McKellip Brothers will demonstrate fly rod restoration and music will be performed by the String Time guitar trio. This event is

free and is sponsored by the Friends of the Crawford County Library and the Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of T.U. For more information, contact Jane at 989-348-9214, ext. 205.

"Fun in Frederic" will be held on Saturday, April 25, at 11 a.m. at the Frederic Community Library, Call Connie Meyer, at 348-4067, to sign up for this children's program that includes stories, crafts and a snack.

The Crawford County Library Literary Book Club will meet at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, April 28, at 5 p.m. This month's discussion will be on "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson. For more information, contact Jane at 989-348-9214,

Card of Thanks

Krista Alef and family would like to thank everyone who came together to make the benefit dinner a success. We are blessed to be part of such a caring community.

Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activi-

Friday, April 24 - Lunch - chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables and red grapes. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo, 4 p.m. Annual Volunteer Recognition.

Monday, April 27 -Lunch - sloppy Joe on a bun, O'Brien potatoes, broccoli, cole slaw and mandarin oranges. Dinner meatloaf, mashed potatoes, cauliflower and orange sections. 9:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. Back On Duty, 1 p.m. Bridge and computer class.

Tuesday, April 28 -Lunch - beef tips with noodles, Brussels sprouts, carrots and pears. Dinner original fried chicken, oven roasted potatoes, broccoli and grapefruit sections. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 12:30 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. pressure/sugar blood

Wednesday, April 29 -Lunch - chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes and fresh fruit salad. Dinner pork chop, marshmallow sweet potatoes, California vegetable blend, sliced apples and pudding. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool league, 5:30 p.m. Hospice of Michigan Bingo.

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Range Firing

Small Arms Ranges, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek, April 23 -29.

Range 13, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Crawford County line, north of Daniels Rd., and east of the gas pipeline, April 23 -24.

Range 15, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Rd. and on the east by Carrier Rd., Apr 23 and 25. Range 17, Hand Grenade

Range, located south of the main post, north of Carrier Rd., east of range 13 and west of Beaver Creek (Military Rd.), April 24.

ARF Range, located west. of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek, April 23 -25.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), April 23-

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 95 complaints the week of April 13 - April 19.

One EMS response, 19 general non-criminal complaints, four false alarm activations, one criminal conduct/sexual sexual assault, one assault/intimidation/stalking, three burglaries/home invasions, one larceny, one motor vehicle theft, two vehiclesstolen, one fraudulent activity, three damage to properties, one liquor law violation, two obstructions of justice, 13 public peace/disorderlies, OUIL/UBAL, three health and safeties, one conservation, one vagrancy, five miscellaneous arrests, four traffic accidents, one traffic violation-civil infraction, one accident-fire, two hazardous conditions, five inspections/investigationsproperty, six family troubles-domestic, 10 suspicious situations and two driving violations/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

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checks.

Thursday, April 30 -Lunch - lasagna with meat sauce, Italian blend vegetables, breadsticks, beets and plums. Dinner - smoked sausage with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, carrots and peaches. 10 a.m. craft class, 2 p.m. UNO Attack.

Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), April 23, 27 -

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Our most beloved son, brother and father, Gerald Kenneth (Whitey) Hall passed away in his sleep at his home in Grayling, MI. Whitey was in the loving company of his brothers Ricky and Tom.

Jerry (Whitey) is the son of Thomas and Shirley Hall. Jerry was born in Saginaw, MI, on Good Friday, April 19, 1957 and went to be with his Dad in Heaven on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009.

Jerry was the proud father of Geraid Jr. and Gabriel Hall. Jerry loved and adored his sons. He is also survived by his wife Julia, who resides in the Allendale area. Jerry provided for his family in life with a generous General Motors income and will continue to do so in death. He retired from General Motors in 2008.

Left with cherished memories, his mom, Shirley Hall of Grayling, his brothers and sisters and their families, Thomas and Sharon (his most favorite sister-in-law) Hall of Grayling, Ricky Hall of Saginaw, Cheryl Paez and Mike Badour of Saginaw, Vicky and Gary Rousseau of Traverse City, Julie Hall and Mike Gorski of Grayling, Tresea Rappley of Grayling and many nieces and nephews. Jerry has joined his Dad, Thomas Hall, in heaven where he will now help to keep a watchful eye on all of us he loved so much.

All who knew Whitey knew he loved the simple things in life. He loved hunting and fishing with his sons and everything up-north. Grayling was his home-in-heart for many years. Jerry so very dearly loved his family and had so many dear friends who have enjoyed so many special times and laughs with him. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of Jerry's friends in so many places that have supported and loved him.

His wife Julia has chosen cremation in Grand Rapids, Ml. We, his family were able to spend a few private hours with Jerry. We were able to say our good-byes and express out forever love to Jerry. Jerry's heart, soul and spirit will remain with us and in Grayling forever. We extend our sincere appreciation and thank you to the Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home for all of the special kindness and understanding you gave our family during our time of great loss.

Jerry could growl like a bear and be as gentle as a lamb. He took much pride in watching over and spending time with his young son Gabriel in his time of need and the time he spent with his oldest son Jerry, hunting and fishing. He enjoyed so many outdoor adventures with his sons that will never be forgotten. Jerry Jr. and Gabriel will now have their own special guardian angel ... their Dad.

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Grayling Township man jailed for one year for fatal hit and run accident

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

Mio man.

A Grayling Township man was sentenced on Monday to serve one year in the Crawford County Jail for a hit and run accident that resulted in the death of a

46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Janet M. Allen sentenced William Roger Gildner Jr., 48, to serve one year in jail for operating without security (automobile insurance) and 93 days in jail for operating without a valid driver's license. He was credited for two days already served in jail.

Gildner was accused of hitting Neil Louis Pearce, 50, who was walking on M-72 West near the Grayling Hospital for Animals around 10:45 p.m. on Jan. 17, 2007. Pearce was not discovered until the next morning.

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies Shawn Chmielewski, Jason Alexander and Jimmy Parker were able to track down Gildner just hours after Pearce was found, from paint and debris left from his pickup truck taken into evidence at the accident scene.

Chmielewski took parts of a blinker assembly and air intake, located between the hood and windshield of the truck, to employees at Scheer Motor's Body Shop.

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Chmielewski was able to confirm that the parts were from a General Motors truck.

At Gildner's residence, Chmielewski compared the broken pieces to recent damage caused to the pickup truck.

Gildner told police he thought he hit a deer when he heard an object collide with his truck. He told police he turned around and drove back through the area, but did not see a deer or a person lying on the side of the road.

Gildner was visibly upset when police told him he struck a person. Despite driving without a valid driver's license, valid license plate or insurance, Gildner claimed he would have reported the accident to police if he was aware he collided with a pedestrian.

Chmielewski confirmed Grayling City Patrolman Al Somero had contact with Pearce walking in the road by the Grayling Eagles Club around 6 p.m. on the night of the accident, and in the road by Burger King later in the evening.

Monday's sentencing brings an end to over two years of court cases and charges, but not the end of anguish for Pearce's relatives who lost a beloved family member. The family said they still have many questions for Gildner and local police that will likely never be answered.

Leo Pearce, Neil's father, questioned why his son was hit in a well lit, wide open area. The family believes that Gildner knew he hit a person and went home to sober up before ultimately facing authorities.

"There is no magic number of drinks where you turn from sober to drunk," Leo Pearce said. "At even one or two driffks, a person doesn't drive as he would when completely A driver takes more risks, is more aggressive, goes faster

with slower reflexes and thinking, all starting with the first drink."

Leo Pearce said Neil was

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in the area to take care of a personal issue, and agreed not to drive a car due to a past history with alcoholism. The family said the tragedy would have never happened if Gilder had been obeying all the laws he violated.

Leo said the family will always wonder if Neil would have changed his ways, married and had a son to carry on the family name.

Sandra Cholewa, Neil's sister, shared those same sentiments.

"Neil will never have the chance to grow old and possibly find his dream," Cholewa said. "There will be no more birthdays, Thanksgivings, Christmases or Easters with his family only a missing link in a family chain that Mr. Gildner has broken."

Julia Stach, Neil's sister, said Gildner had to have known that he had struck a person since other people avoided hitting him and not a deer as he claimed.

"Deer dart out in front of cars," Stach said. "A person, even if staggering, would be seen."

The family also questioned why the Grayling City Police did not take Neil into custody, put him in jail or another safe place, when they had contact with him.

"Neil's family knows he had a drinking problem at times, but should it carry a death sentence by another problem drinker with no penalty?" asked Phebie Pearce, Neil's stepmother.

The sentencing brings a long set of twist and turns in the case to an end. The Pearce family questions why Gildner was not prosecuted in a timely manner.

In 2007, former Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss charged Gildner with failure to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in death, William William His license was suspended-second offense and operating a motor vehicle without security. In September 2008, Huss dropped those charges and recharged Gildner with operating while intoxicated causing death. He faced up to 15 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine if convicted for the felony charge.

In March, Gildner agreed to a plea agreement with current Crawford County Prosecutor Everette "Trey". Ayers. He plead guilty to the operating without security and the operating without a valid driver's license, while the 15-year felony was dropped.

Ayers in court on Monday

likened the case to firing shots at a man on an island without being able to make a direct hit. He said that not knowing Gildner's blood alcohol level at the time of the accident was a detriment in taking the case before a jury. Gildner's license was expired instead of being suspended when the accident occurred, Ayers said. Finally, Ayers said one witness in the case has moved out of state and another has changed her Waitresses and bartenders from Growler's Pub Pizza and Brew testified in Crawford County District Court that Gildner had been in the establishment and drank a pitcher of beer and other glasses of beer over several hours before he left for the night.

Ayers said he and Don Sommerfeld, the assistant prosecuting attorney, would lobby state lawmakers to have driving on an expired license causing death classified as a 15-year felony.

"The law has basically tied our hands given the facts," Ayers said. "This is about as much as we could do."

Dawn LaCasse, Gildner's defense attorney, argued that there was no proof that Pearce's body came up on the hood of the truck when the collision occurred. She also said that Gildner has a minimal traffic record, having been previously ticketed for driving without insurance in 1989 and 2002, but otherwise not having any other speeding or traffic violations.

LaCasse said that city police also have to shoulder some of the blame for not getting Pearce off the street earlier in the evening.

"I think the blame should be placed where the blame is due," LaCasse said.

Allen ordered Gildner to pay \$3,271.39 restitution to pay for Pearce's funeral expenses and a bill from Mobile Medical Response

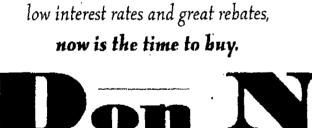
While the Pearce family said Gildner has never shown remorse for Neil's death, Gildner emphatically said he did not see anyone in the road when it was blowing and snowing and apologized to the family for their

"I've got to live with this the rest of my life," said Gildner, before being taken into custody by a Crawford County Sheriff's Office corrections officer. "I just did not see him and I never would have left him there."

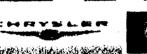
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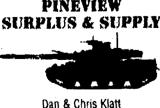
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by Matt Seager Staff Writer

The highly publicized nationwide "TEA Party" protests on April 15 did not escape the attention of Crawford County residents, some of whom decided to join in the protest with a TEA party of their own.

Organizers of the nationwide event took advantage of "tax day" to protest increased government spending.

The event was officially labeled as "nonpartisan," with national organizers claiming that they opposed over-taxation from any political entity or party.

The rallies were called "TEA parties" in reference to the famous 1773 tea tax by American colonists in Boston. The recent protests used the word TEA as an acronym for "Taxed Enough Already."

Some critics of the event argue that the rallies were simply a partisan attempt to undermine the efforts of the current presidential administration.

On the same day, President Obama proposed what he called "the most progressive tax cut in American history."

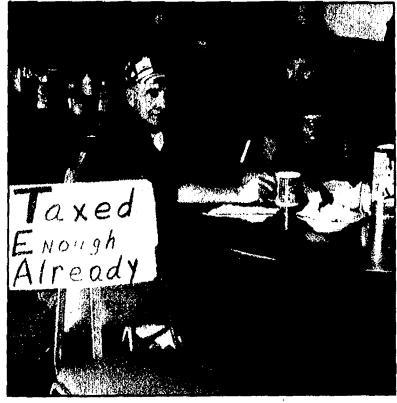
Critics of the president point to the fact that the proposed tax cuts may not be permanent. They also oppose "excessive government spending" in any attempt to improve the nation's economy.

Local advocates of the movement met at the Gray Rock Cafe to share their opinions and watch news coverage of other similar rallies in major cities across the nation.

Although the local protesters converged at the Gray Rock Cafe, the rally was not organized in collaboration with the restaurant staff. Restaurant owner Jill Andersen had no involvement with the rally.

Bern Lasich, one of the organizers of the local gathering, said the rally ended up being much larger than anyone expected.

"When we planned this it was assumed that, as with most of our activities, it



Crawford County residents gathered at the Gray Rock Cafe to participate in a "TEA Party" protesting government spending and tax increases. The event was not officially sponsored by the Gray Rock Cafe.

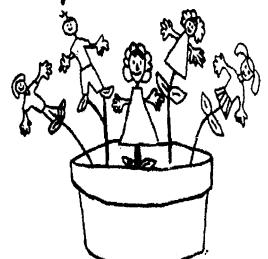
would be attended by the usual seven or eight regulars," said Lasich. "We would all sit at the same table in the back room, eat dinner and (talk) about Obama and be done - no one would even know we were there."

Instead, an entire corner of the local dining establishment was packed with protesters, with some even carrying various political signs.

It is estimated that over a quarter million Americans participated in the TEA Party protests nationwide.

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Art gallery to open doors in downtown Grayling

The Winners Circle Art Gallery will be celebrating its grand opening as they participate in the Watershed Art Project's Spring Art Walk on Saturday.

One might think this is not the best time to start up a new business. The economy is in the tank and the I-75 Business Loop is ripped up for the summer. The downtown is riddled with "for sale" signs and empty buildings stare vacantly at unused parking spaces.

"That hasn't stopped some very enthusiastic artists from trying," said Grayling artist Terry

Dickinson The Winners Circle Art Gallery is named because each artist being represented is required to have won an award in a juried fine art competition. They're all winners. The customer wins too knowing that they are buying some of the best art available in our area.

Some of the artists have won national as well as international competitions. Others have gained their recognition in more local competition. Most juried shows weed out nearly half of the entrants before the judging begins. Sometimes a show will select 50 or 60 pieces out of several hundred submissions. Usually the top three are given special recognition, but that is the top three out of several hundred choices. Getting in a show is special, winning an award is fantastic. dress.

While the Winners Circle is not affiliated with the Watershed Art Project in any official capacity, it would never have come into existence if it were not for the shows and activities the

Watershed Watershed Art Project has sponsored to spotlight the importance of arts and culture in our community.

The Gallery is located at 203 Michigan Avenue in downtown Grayling. The artists have worked out an agreement with Kelly Yousoufian, who owns the building and operates under the name Apollo's Lyre. Yousoufian uses a portion of the building to teach both individual and group harp lessons and offers workshops on music theory as related to the harp and harp therapy. Apollo is the Greek god of art and music and the building makes a nice blend of the same elements. Harps do not take up wall space leaving a great place

to create a gallery. Some of the local artists will be at the gallery on

specific days of the week. Starting April 27, the gallery will be open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays will be covered by Nancy Michelson who works in watercolor. Tuesdays will be covered by another watercolorist, Jackie House. Dickinson will be working on acrylics and oils on Wednesdays and Fridays and one of the great wildlife artists, Kim Diment. will Thursdays. Saturdays will rotate. Other artists represented are: Carlene LaGrou, watercolor; Alysa Diebolt, fused glass; Vickie photography; Durfee, Penny Knapp, pottery; Scott Rice, watercolor, charcoal and oils; Justin LaDoux, sculpture; and Dana Doll, oils.

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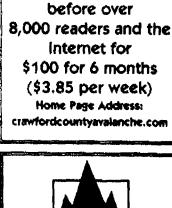
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Sheriff's deputy to rappel off Grand **Traverse Resort**

by Matt Seager Staff Writer

Most fund-raisers require effort. Some require a bit of creativity. And every now and then, one comes along that requires participants to rappel down a 17 story tower.

Grayling resident Conrad Niederhouse happens to be participating in an event that falls into the above catego-

On May 16, he will be Edge," a fund-raiser for Community Michigan Blood Centers. This nonprofit blood bank runs blood drives for blood collection, and provides all of the blood supplies for hospitals in a seven county area of north-

west Michigan. The aptly named event requires sponsored participants to rappel down the face of the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City.

Although this would be a scary prospect for some, Niederhouse isn't nervous.

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"Oh yeah, I've rappelled before," he said.

He has experience rappelling in the military. He said he's excited to get back on a rope after 18 years of keeping his feet planted on the ground.

"It'll be fun. It'll be exciting, I'm sure," he said. However, Niederhouse is far more interested in the cause itself than the thrill of

As a sheriff's deputy, he participating in "Over the considers himself to be a representative for the Crawford County Sheriff's Department for this endeav-

the descent.

"I get involved in fundraisers whenever I can," he said. "It's a good cause."

Still, he admits that this is different from other charity projects he's undertaken in the past.

"Normally I'm involved in smaller scale things, you know," Niederhouse said. "Usually when I'm involved in fund-raisers and such it doesn't require anything like this, that's for sure."

According to an event press release, proceeds from the event will go towards the cost of tissue typing and screening of prospective marrow donors.

"Marrow transplants may represent the best hope of survival for people with life-threatening aplastic anemia and some kids of leukemia," reads the release.

Participants are required to raise \$1,000 in sponsorship before descending the tower. Although Niederhouse has already met this goal, he hopes to surpass the target.

"I don't want to stop at \$1,000," he said.

To support Niederhouse's jump, make checks payable to "MCBC" and drop them off at the sheriff's office. For more information on Michigan Community Blood Centers, www.miblood.org.



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5K walk to support kids in foster care

by Matt Seager

Staff Writer

Foster kids are not alone. The Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative (MYOI) is coordinating with the Crawford County Department of Human Services (DHS) to host a brand new event designed to support kids in foster

The event, called "Walk for Kids in Care," is a five kilometer walk to support local kids in foster care. The event will take place on May 9 at Hanson Hills. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk begins at 9 a.m.

"This is our first year trying it, so hopefully it will be successful," said event organizer Jenna Frankowski.

She believes that the upcoming event has an important mission.

"It will raise awareness of the needs of foster care kids," she said.

There are currently 13 foster care homes in Crawford County, many of which house multiple kids.

"It is a fairly large population for our area," Frankowski said.

She said that growing up without parents or a stable home is very difficult for these youth.

"I personally think that, kids in foster care, out of any youth, really need our support," she said.

Although the event has a \$10 registration fee, its primary goal is to raise awareness, not money.

Those who cannot afford the event are still encouraged to come and support the kids. Several foster children will be in attendance.

"It's a great cause. They mean a lot to me," she said. The Grayling Rotary Club and St. Francis Church have already signed on as sponsors for the event.

Frankowski said that if the walk is successful, it will become a yearly event.

"Just bring yourself out there and raise awareness for kids," she said.

Coworkers rally to support friend in need

by Matt Seager Staff Writer

Crawford County residents are rallying around Rochelle Campeau, an area resident who is suffering from an undiagnosed brain

condition. A spaghetti benefit dinner will take place at the local American Legion on May 2 from 2 p.m. to 6

Rochelle is the mother of Grayling High School student Alyssa Barnett. She Rochelle's Tom and Kayla Barnett.

p.m. The event will also

feature a raffle.

She has lived in Crawford County since she was two and was most recently employed at the Medicine Shoppe.

The dinner will be sponsored by her coworkers from the Medicine Shoppe as well as other friends and family.

"She's always tried to be helpful to anybody," said Rochelle's father, Tom Campeau.

Last year on Dec. 28, she suffered severe convulfollowed sions,

seizures.

Doctors placed Rochelle in an artificially induced coma for 10 days and discovered that she had suffered severe bleeding on the brain. The cause of this bleeding is unknown.

"It's been kind of a real nightmare frustration for her," said Tom.

Although her condition appears to be stable for the time being, she must undergo regular checkups and continuous therapy.

condition also has two adult children, interferes "with certain brain functions and has left her unable to work.

The benefit's primary mission is to raise money to help with Rochelle's living expenses while she is recovering and to help cover her ongoing medical expenses.

Tom said that doctors believe Rochelle's condition is likely to improve once the blood clot disappears. This will take six months at the very least.

"If the blood disappears right, we're okay," Tom

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COA Board asked to hash out senior center options

Continued from 1A this year.

Moore said that it would cost \$10,000 for the special election. The next viable option is to hold the election in conjunction with the state's primary election in August 2010, Moore said.

"It would be a significant reduction of cost to have it in 2010," Moore said.

County Commissioner Mike Lange said the proposal to bond up to \$1.5 million to move the Grayling Senior Center was tied to finishing off the rehabilitation of the Grayling Fish Hatchery building.

"I think the intention of the board of commissioners was to be good stewards of property that we already have and to take care of what we already have before we add any new properties," said Lange, who is chairman of the county's ways and means committee.

Funds earmarked to rehabilitate the Grayling Fish Hatchery building were coming from bond issues that are being paid off for an addition to the Crawford County Jail and installation of heating, cooling and ventilation systems at the Crawford County Courthouse. The county is planning to bond up to \$1.5 million to pay for additions and renovations to make the courthouse building compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act. No petition drive was spearheaded to block that project.

Alice Snyder, director of the Commission on Aging, asked the board if the fish hatchery building would be available in the fall of 2010 and if the funding proposal Stephenson said. would still be offered.

Snyder also said that the COA Board could also go back to the drawing board with build new options. Building on property located south of North Down River Road on the AuSable River and on property owned by the Carl W. Borchers VFW Post #3736 off of Madsen Street were two potential sites considered by the COA Board for new facilities.

"We're sort of in a tough spot of trying to figure out what direction to take now," Snyder said.

The COA Board was scheduled to hold their regular board meeting at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22.

Lange said the county board was hoping to relocate the senior center to the fish hatchery by gaining a favorable interest rate on the bonds. Unclear on interest rates in 15 months, Lange said the board would have to, see a new proposal regarding the fish hatchery building or building a new senior center.

"A year from now, I can't predict interest rates and nobody can," Lange said. "That would be a stumbling block."

Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, also stressed that he did not feel he could support using the county's general fund budget to pay off bonds for a different facility until plans are provided to commission-

"When you start changing the numbers, I certainly wouldn't be in favor of going to the taxpayers for those tax dollars,"

Lange suggested the COA Board consider going for a millage to pay for the bonds given the increased interest in the future of the seniors shown by the petition drive. An operational millage for the COA is due to expire in 2010.

"There is some interest in this issue, so maybe it's now time to ask the voters for a quarter-of-a-mill to build new," Lange said.

County commissioners briefly discussed moving District Health Department # 10 to the Grayling Fish Hatchery building. The current health department on Meadows Drive is about 1,200 square feet. Health Department officials say they need about 4,000 square feet to provide adequate services to the public.

Jack Mahank, chairman of the COA Board, said two county agencies are in a dilemma of not having enough space. He said that the COA would have to start eliminating services due to lack of floor space and fund-

"It's a county problem," Mahank said. "It's not a COA problem and it's not a public health problem. It's a problem that the county needs to address."

Robert McIntosh, a Grayling resident who circulated petitions, said he believes it would be less costly to extend water and sewer services from the City of Grayling to the VFW property than to pay for a special election.

"That's my thought for

now," McIntosh said. McIntosh added that moving to the fish hatchery was not a desirable move for seniors, who felt that building a new senior center was the best option.

"There were many, many people that were in favor of that if that is what's needed for the COA," McIntosh said.

County Commissioner Rick Anderson suggested housing the senior center and health department under one roof to address the needs of county residents crossing many generations.

"If we could scope that out to put these two things together. I think we would be better off as a community," Anderson said.



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Daisy Girl Scout Troop #3835 also committed to donating a portion of their profits to assist in the literacy program at the Crawford County Libraries through the Gift of Reading Program.

"It is incredible to see young women willing to give back to their own community," said Bambi Mansfield, Grayling's Girl Service Unit Scout Representative. "They should be an inspiration to all of us during these hard economic times."

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"Girl Scouts "Changing the World - one cookie at a time," Beckwith

There will be opportunities for people to support the Girl Scouts and their efforts through the purchase of boxes of cookies at cookie booths throughout the county through the end of May. Cookie booths will be open at the following locations and times: Friday, April 24, Devereaux Memorial Library from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, April 26, at Glen's Market from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Sunday, May 3, at Save-A-Lot from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be more cookie booths scheduled in the future, with information available at the Girl Scouts

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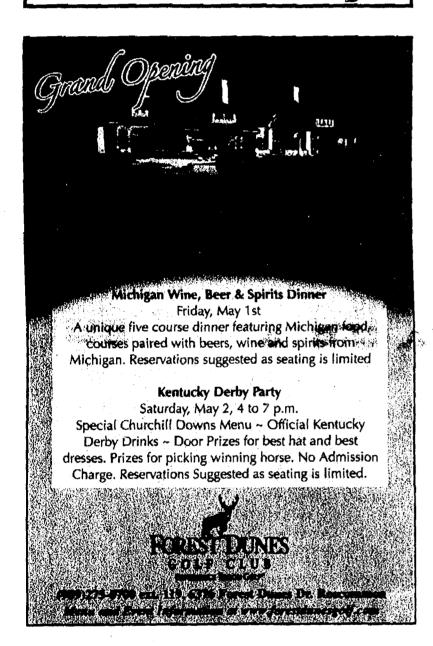
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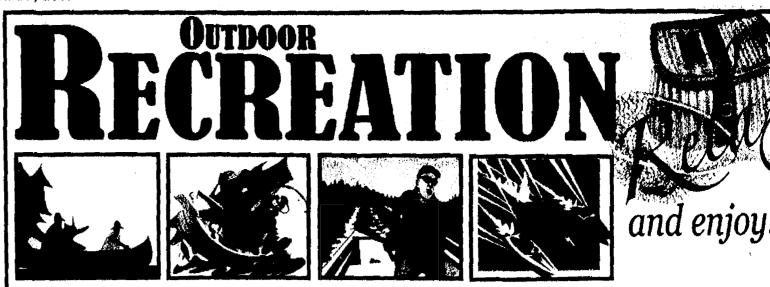
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"There is no better bicycountry than cling Michigan's scenic and rolling two peninsulas located in the heart of the Great Lakes basin. Plenty of trails and pathways challenge bicyclists of all ages, types and skill levels," the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) states on its Web site. "Michigan's total coastline length is second only to Alaska. Michigan also has 11,000 lakes and 36,000 miles of rivers and streams, which puts bicyclists, no matter where they are in the state, within 20 minutes of water. Autumn color, fishing, swimming and boating are all within close range of the bicyclist. Bikes are allowed on all paved and non-paved roads in all 97 state parks and recreation areas, Bikes may also be operated on designated bike paths."

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The Grayling area has both trails and pathways for bicyclists. Hanson Hills Recreation Area has an extensive trail system for those who prefer natural terrain. The Grayling Bicycle Turnpike, a pathway that runs from Hanson Hills to Grayling High School to Hartwick Pines State Park, gives bicyclists an opportunity to ride on a smooth, paved surface.

Hartwick Pines, like many other parks in the state of Michigan, has several trails for bicycling. Hartwick Pines State Park's trails include: Aspen Trail (3 miles), Weary Legs Trail (7.5 miles) and Deer Run Trail (5 miles). A list of trails and pathways at other state parks and state forest campgrounds is available at the DNR's Web

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· When possible, never ride alone. If you must ride solo, let someone know where you plan to go and when you plan to

 Wear bright clothing when riding at dusk or dark and use a white light in front and a red reflector in the rear of your bike. Added reflective material on your clothing and bicycle is recommended when riding after sundown.

 Most fatalities and serious injuries to cyclists are the result of head injuries. Always wear a Snell or ANSI approved helmet.

Spend some time outdoors, plan a camping trip

Camping, a popular activity for Michigan residents and people visiting the state, offers a wide variety of outdoor recreational activities for people who want to spend some quality ly members outdoors. Numerous privately owned campgrounds, in addition to public campgrounds state forest campgrounds and state parks - offer many different options for campers.

"Recreational staples such as hiking, camping, fishing, hunting and picnicking are just the beginning of all the adventures visitors," the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) states on its Web site. "Boating, biking, sightseeing, wildlife watching, ice fishing, water skiing, horseback riding, off-roading in your vehicle, nature study, skating, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, sailboarding or just lounging around and relaxing with family and friends are all available. No

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to do." For those who plan to spend some time camping this spring, summer, or fall, the DNR offers the following safety tips:

matter where you go, if

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that offers what you want

Preparation

 Michigan is known for its unpredictable weather. Check the weather forecast for the area.

• Plan your trip - know 15 about the area and how to get there.

 Take enough food, or clothing and equipment to keep you comfortable in 6 case of emergency.

 Notify others of where you will be, and when you plan to be home, in case someone needs to find you.

 If you are a beginning camper, contact your local camping outfitter for a A general checklist of camping equipment.

Personal Safety

• Prevent animals from time With Michigan fantius vættime vinto your ofood. ा Consider placing it in your in vehicle, or hanging it in a 🧀 tree (12 feet high, four feet from tree trunk).

· State forest campground wells are approved by Michigan Department of of Public Health.

 Keep a few logs in your tent to keep them dry.

 Always bring extra matches.

Reminders

· Be careful with your campfire - keep it small,

• Be a good neighbor control your noise and ani-

• Be respectful of your state forest - keep the trees and shrubs alive and growing.

 Always keep your dog on a leash no longer that six feet, and away from public swimming areas.

Be A 'No Impact' Camper

• If you carry it in, please carry it out. This will eliminate litter.

· Camp in a designated campsite within designated campgrounds, unless you of have obtained an undesignated camping permit.

 Protect water sources from contamination.

 Use biodegradable soap, or try hot water soapless dishwashing, bathing and clothes washing.

· When using soap (even biodegradable) and toothpaste, do so at least 100 feet away from natural water sources and well or faucet water sources.

 Prevent forest fires. · Keep fires small.

· Have water available to extinguish the fire proper-

· Never leave a fire unattended.

· Maintain a 10-foot diameter and debris-free area around the fire. · Make sure ashes are

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Outdoor and enjoy.

Trout fishing season opens on Saturday, April 25

Anglers are gearing up for the upcoming trout fishing season, which officially begins on Saturday, April 25. The first day of trout fishing season will also mark the beginning of walleye, pike and muskellunge fishing seasons.

The upper AuSable River and the Manistee River systems - two of the most stable systems in the United States - both offer catches of native brook, brown and rainbow trout to the discerning angler.

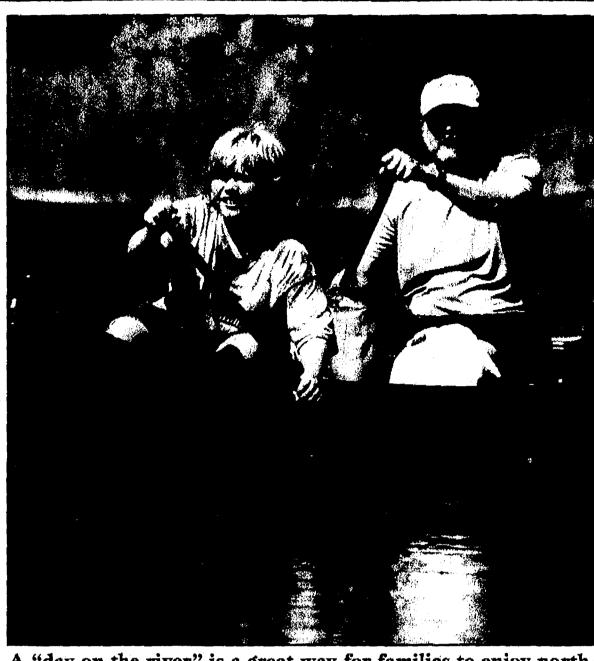
Fishing regulations vary between sections on the rivers, with some areas designated for "flies only" and several miles of the AuSable River for "catch and release." The majority of the waters, however, are open to any type of fishing, including flies, hardware and bait.

Hatch activity generally begins in early March with the onset of spring and the Blackstones. Hendricksons are usually hatching by the opening of trout season. Afternoon hatches, with little pressure from other river users, makes early to mid-May a popular time for many fly fishers. Other include the Little Mahogany, Little Black Caddis and Blue Winged

By mid-May, most hatches and spinner falls occur in late afternoon. The Sulfur hatch begins in late May and lasts about two weeks. The first week of June is a popular time on area streams as the Brown Drake hatch occurs.

Hatches continue through May and June, generally culminating with the "Hex" hatch, which is the big Michigan Mayfly, the Hexagenia Limbata. This hatch brings the fly fishers in large numbers as it is the time when trophy fish regularly surface-feed.

It is important to mention that most of the anglers who are successful in catching the larger trout fish for them during the late evening and on into the night. Fishermen are often found on the streams all night waiting for the spinner falls, which generally come between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m., and for the hatches, which occur after 10 p.m. and last sometimes until the wee hours of the morning.



A "day on the river" is a great way for families to enjoy northern Michigan's great outdoors.

August brings the terrestrials: grasshoppers, ants sunny days are an ideal time to fish the brown trout lying along the grass banks waiting for that careless hopper. As mother nature starts to dip her paintbrush and color the leaves, enjoy the solitude of a quiet day and cool season whatches regevening with brown and brook trout becoming more active.

In addition to offering two of the finest fishing available, Crawford County area is home to numerous lakes, which also offer excellent fishing opportunities. Lake Margrethe and Higgins Lake are the two largest bodies of water in the county, offering a variety of lake fishing, with Lake Margrethe giving up good catches of walleye and pike. Opening of bass season usually finds quantities of fair-sized large- and smallmouth bass, which can be fished with live bait as well

as artificial. Lake Margrethe also offers bluegill and perch for the panfisherman. Higgins Lake is recognized as being one of the 10 most beautiful lakes in the United States, and it is well worth the time spent to learn how to catch its brown and lake trout, as well as splake. Higgins Lake also offers very large northern pike and is noted for its wintertime perch and smelt fishing.

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Road 612, lie some small lakes that are local Manistee are "Class 1" and crickets. The warm favorites. K.P. Lake lays rivers, with no "whitewaclaim to trophy bluegill and good numbers of bass. Jones Lake is home for walleye and bluegill, while Hargrove Lake will give a peaceful afternoon fishing crappie, perch and bluegill.

Enjoy a relaxing canoe trip on the AuSable or Manistee

The upper AuSable and Manistee rivers in the Grayling area offer some of the finest canoeing in the midwestern United States. These cool, clear, worldrenowned trout streams move along at a steady, gentle rate through mixed pine and hardwood forests.

A "day on the river" is a great way for families to enjoy northern Michigan's great outdoors. It is not unusual to see deer, mink, otter, beavers, ducks, wild turkeys, a great blue heron or, occasionally, a bald eagle, while on your canoe

Area canoe liveries offer river day-trips ranging in length from two to six hours, as well as overnight canoeing and camping trips. Many families pack a picnic lunch for their day on the river. For those considering an overnight trip, there are state forest campgrounds strategically located at various points along the rivers. Canoe liveries if needed.

AuSable The ter" or rapids. Canoeists generally maneuver around the rivers' natural logjams and "sweepers" (trees that hang out low over the river) without too much trouble. The water averages three to four feet deep in most places.

Canoeing season usually starts in May and runs until late September or early October. Some liveries will accommodate customers at any time of the year. Each livery has its own rates, requirements and restrictions. Summer weekends can be very busy at area canoe liveries, so advance reservations are recommended.

Guests are encouraged to dress appropriately. It's a good idea to bring an extra sweatshirt, rain gear, or a change of clothing in a secure, plastic bag. Visitors should also remember sunscreen and lightweight, long-sleeved shirts to provide sun protection on hot summer days.

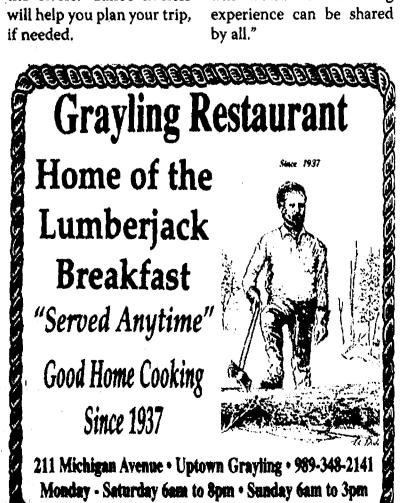
All liveries ask that canoeists do not bring glass bottles or styrofoam cool-

"We have a wonderful natural resource in our rivers," according to one local canoe livery. "They belong to all of us and must be respected and taken care of by all of us. Keep litter in your canoes and use the landings provided so this wonderful canoeing

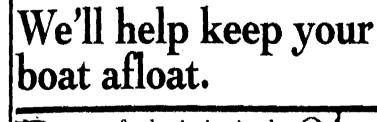


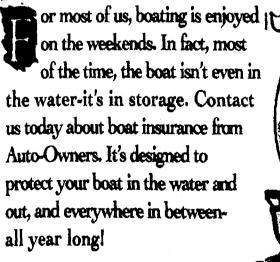






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Second baseman Shalee Miller, covering first base on a bunt, catches a throw for a force out.



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Teresa Schreiber hits a drag bunt for GHS during Thursday's series vs. Harrison.

Softball team sweeps Harrison 9-4, 17-10

Vikings split league series vs. East Jordan

Grayling High School's varsity girls softball squad played three doubleheaders last week, posting a sweep vs. Harrison, a split vs. East Jordan, and two losses at Boyne

On Friday night, Grayling defeated the visiting East Jordan Red Devils 3-2 in the first game of a Lake Michigan Conference series. East Jordan won game two by a final score of 10-7.

"At the start of the season, I really felt that East Jordan would contend for a (Lake Michigan Conference) title. They have a great pitcher/catcher/shortstop combination that came in together as freshmen. We had to really battle with them and take advantage of any errors. In game one, we had trouble catching up to the fastball, but got key hits from Joni Bindschatel and Kirstie See **SOFTBALL** | 3B



Joni Bindschatel releases a pitch during game one of last Friday's doubleheader vs. East Jordan.

Baseball squad wins Kingsley Tournament on Saturday

Vikings off to 0-3 start in conference play

After a bad start to their 2009 season -Grayling High School's varsity baseball team opened its 2009 campaign with three consecutive conference losses last week the Vikings posted a first place finish at Saturday's Kingsley Tournament.

In the squad's season opener on Tuesday, the Vikings lost 16-1, 10-6 at Boyne City.

"We got off to a rough start," Coach John Schneider said. "In the first game, (we) had a terrible beginning of the season, committing lots of mistakes in the field and giving up 14 runs in the first inning."

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Jensen Aubry runs from second base to third on Friday.

Junior varsity baseball team off to a 3-1 start

Grayling sweeps East Jordan 7-4, 2-1 on Friday night

The GHS junior varsity baseball team won three games and lost one in its first two doubleheaders of the 2009 season last week.

On Friday, the Vikings swept a series at East Jordan, defeat-

Grayling in game one. He finished with nine strikeouts.

and one double for the Vikings. David Bergan had two singles. Steven Enos had two singles.

Zane Tobin pitched for double. Travis Schreiber had one single.

"The team played well - no Ethan Lewis had one single errors," Coach Rich Schreiber said. "No matter what they did, they couldn't do anything wrong. It just seemed to work

Enos, the pitcher for GHS in game two, had 10 strikeouts. At the plate, Tom Burrell had a double, Zigila had a triple,

and Joe Latusek had a single.

Zachary Schreiber had a single,



driving range during Wednesday's practice.

Golfers look to be consistent, qualify for the state finals

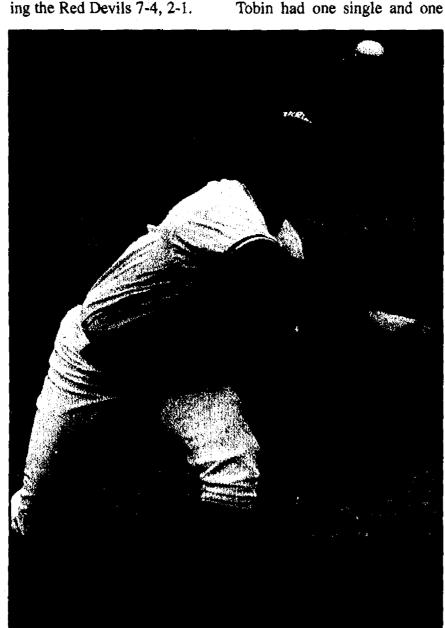
Squad has solid overall numbers with 12 players

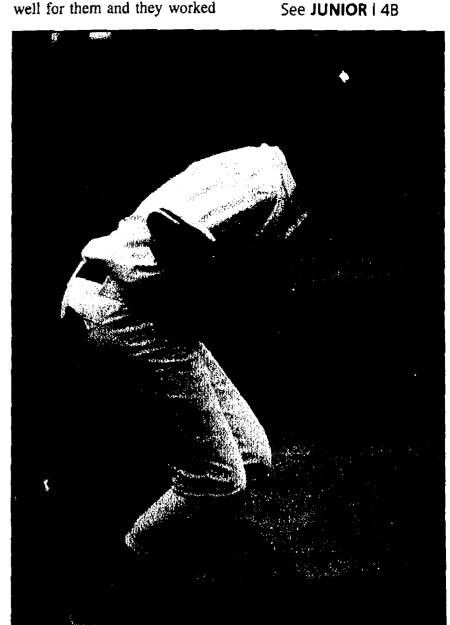
by Caleb Casey Senior Staff Writer

This year's Grayling High School boys golf team will have significantly fewer participants this year, which may prove to be a benefit.

The squad has 12 players this year, a number that gives a better balance between depth and coaching time than last season's total. Last year, the team kept 18 of the 23 athletes who tried out for the squad.

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Jake Helsel, left, throws a pitch during game one of Tuesday's series vs. the Boyne City Ramblers. Third baseman Tom Burrell, right, fields a ground ball on Tuesday night.

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Soccer team wins 1-0 at East Jordan

The GHS varsity girls soccer team posted a 1-1 record in its first week of action, defeating the East Jordan Red Devils 1-0 at East Jordan on Friday night.

"The girls fought hard to get this win. I'm proud of the way they played," Coach Craig Cobb said.

Rebecca Money scored Grayling's only goal with approximately 15 minutes remaining in regulation.

In the squad's season opener on Tuesday, the

Vikings lost 8-0 vs. the Charlevoix Rayders in a contest played at Grayling High School, Charlevoix scored its eighth goal with 5:36 left in the game, ending the match by mercy

"I was glad to see that we continued to fight for the ball despite falling behind," Coach Cobb said.

The soccer team (1-1 overall, 1-1 league) will play at Harbor Springs on Thursday, April 23, at 5



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Goalkeeper Ciara Summers punts the ball after making a save on Tuesday.





Shelby Pippin, left, hits the ball with her head during last Tuesday's season opener vs. Charlevoix. Jamie Denton, right, takes a throw-in for the Vikings.

Golfers look qualify for the state finals

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"(Twelve is a) much better number," said Mark Rutter, who's in his second season as head coach of the Vikings. "It gives me more time to work with each kid."

"We just kept too many," Coach Rutter said. "There wasn't enough time to do as much as you'd like to. That was a learning lesson."

Though his team lost several of its top players to graduation last year, Coach Rutter said this year's team

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could compete for a spot in the state finals.

"I think we have a chance," Coach Rutter said. year and not have the big blow-ups like we had some-

official practices last Monday, as early as the

"The weather just broke this week," Coach Rutter

Rutter said he had one practice indoors before spring break just to gauge

"I lost three of my top five players from last year. We're looking for one or two of these freshmen and sophomores to step up to the plate," Coach Rutter said. "I would really like to see us make it to states this year. I would be really disappointed if we don't make it to regionals. We made it last year. We missed going to state by four strokes."

"I think we're going to be a more consistent team this times last year." The golf squad began its

weather and course conditions would allow.

Coach Rutter said.

Wednesday night.

the swings of his players.

Adam Wargo hits a drive during practice on week. Boyne City will host

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The Vikings have two meets scheduled for this

"It was more for my ben-

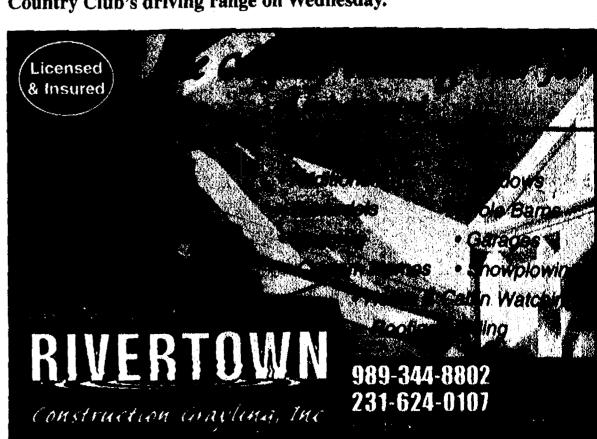
efit than it was theirs,"

league meet Wednesday, April Harbor Springs will host a league meet on Monday, April 27.





Josh Johnson, left, and Drue Kuhn, right, hit balls at the Grayling Country Club's driving range on Wednesday.





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First baseman Elaine DesEnfants, left, catches a throw during Thursday's series vs. Harrison. Kelsey Neuberger, right, runs from first base to second on Thursday.

Softball team sweeps Harrison

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Wakeley with runners on," Coach Keri Brock said. "Our defense held strong, committing just two errors. We got a strong pitching performance from Joni Bindschatel, who allowed only four hits."

"In the night cap, errors and walks proved to be the difference. East Jordan dominated us in all aspects for the first five innings. However, I am extremely proud of the tenacity the girls showed. We scored five runs in the last inning, but the comeback fell short," Coach Brock said.

Leading hitters for GHS vs. East Jordan included: Teresa (game one) Schreiber, 1 for 2, single, 1 run scored, 1 walk; Bindschatel, 2 for 2, 2 singles, 1 run scored, 1 RBI, 1 walk; Wakeley, 1 for 2, single, 2 RBIs; Makenna Harwood, 1 for 1, single, 1 walk; (game two) Schreiber, 1 for 4, single, 2 runs scored; Kelsey Neuberger, 1. for 4, single, 2 RBIs; Sam Schreiber, 2 for 4, 2 singles, 1 run scored; Bindschatel, 1 for 4, single; Harwood, 2 for 3, 2 singles, 1 run scored, 1 RBI.

On Thursday, the Vikings swept the Harrison Hornets 9-4, 17-10 in a series played at GHS.

Bindschatel was the winning pitcher for Grayling in both contests. She finished the day with 16 strikeouts, allowing five hits and four earned runs in 12 innings of work.

"Harrison is a team that swept us last year, so redemption was on our mind. We continue to swing the bats well, racking up 10 hits in game one and 20 hits in game two. The hits have

come from all parts of our lineup, which will be a key for us in the long run," Coach Brock said. "Cayla Johnson was in the zone in game two, going 4 for 5 with two singles, a double, and a triple. She also scored three runs and knocked in five. That might be one of the best single-game performances I've ever seen as a coach."

"Harrison was undefeated coming in, so taking a pair of wins was a huge confidence booster for us. I really feel like we can accomplish some special things if we make it a group effort and stay focused. Our chemistry is great and our offensive balance is unlike any other team I've coached here. That being said, we have to carry this momentum as we will face some tough league competition shortly," Coach Brock said.

Leading hitters vs. Harrison included: (game one) T. Schreiber, 1 for 1, single, 1 run scored, 3 stolen bases, I walk; Neuberger, 1 for 2, single, 2 walks; Bindschatel, 1 for 3, single, 1 run scored, 1 walk; Wakeley, 2 for 4, 2 singles, 2 runs scored, 1 stolen base, 1 RBI; Shalee Miller, 1 for 3, single; Johnson, 1 for 3, single, 2 runs scored, 1 stolen base, 2 RBIs; Kara Malm, 1 for 3, double, 1 run scored, 1 walk, 1 stolen base, 2 RBIs; Harwood, 2 for 3, single, double, 1 run scored, 1 RBI; (game two) T. Schreiber, 2 for 6, 2 singles, 2 runs, 1 RBI; Neuberger, 1 for 4, double, 3 runs scored, 2 walks, 1 stolen base, 1 RBI; S. Schreiber, 3 for 5, 2 singles, triple, 3 runs scored, 2 stolen bases, 1 RBI; Bindschatel, 2 for 4, 2 sin-

gles, 1 run scored, 1 RBI; Wakeley, 3 for 4, 2 singles, double, 4 runs scored, 1 stolen base, 1 RBI; Johnson, 4 for 5, 2 singles, double, triple, 3 runs scored, 5 RBIs; Miller, 1 for 3, single, sacrifice bunt, 1 RBI; Elaine DesEnfants, 2 for 5, 2 singles, 1 run scored, 2 RBIs; Andrea Malm, 2 for 4, 2 singles, I stolen base.

The Vikings opened their 2009 season with a league series at Boyne City on Tuesday night. Boyne City won game one 9-8 in extra innings. The Ramblers won game two 12-7.

"Even though we came up

on the short end of both games against Boyne City, I'm very pleased with the fight in the first doubleheader of the season. In the past, we have been tentative at the plate in game one. Instead, they attacked it from the start," Coach Brock said. "I'm very proud of Andrea Malm's effort on the mound in the first game. It can be very nerve-wracking stepping on to a varsity mound for the time as a freshman. She didn't let it get to her. She pitched her game and stayed within herself. Andrea let the defense play behind her and never tried to do too much. She struck out six and left us with a chance to win it in extra innings."

Leading hitters for GHS included: (game one) T. Schreiber, 1 for 1, single, 3 runs scored, 3 walks, 2 stolen bases; Miller, 1 for 3, single, I run scored, sacrifice bunt; S. Schreiber, 2 for 4, single, double, 1 run scored; Bindschatel, 1 for 4, double; DesEnfants, 1 for 4, single, 1 run scored; Johnson, 1 for 2, single, 1 run scored; A. Malm, 3 for 4, 3 singles, 1 run scored; (game two) T. Schreiber, 1 for 3, single, 2 runs scored, 1 walk; Neuberger, 2 for 4, 2 singles, 1 run scored, 1 stolen base; S. Schreiber, 3 for 4, 2 singles, double, 2 runs scored; Bindschatel, 2 for 3, single, double, 1 run scored, 1 stolen base; Wakeley, 1 for 3, single; Harwood, 2 for 2, 2 singles, 1 run scored.

"We head into a very busy week - three doubleheaders and a tournament - with some confidence hunger. Once you get a couple wins under your belt, you want to do whatever you can to maintain that pace. With Ogemaw and Gaylord this week, we should face some great competition from much bigger schools. It will be a great measuring stick," Coach Brock said.

Grayling (3-3 overall, 1-3 league) will host Gaylord on Thursday, April 23, at 4:30





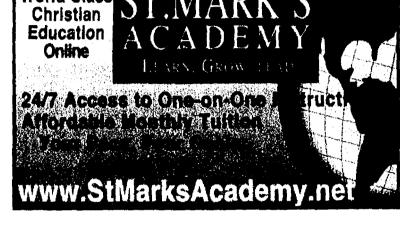
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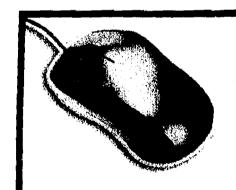
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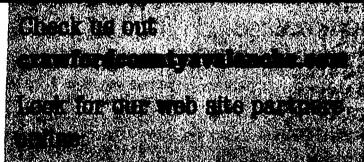
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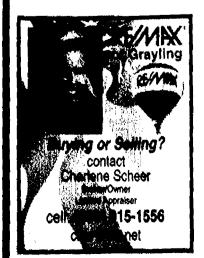
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JV softball squad splits with Boyne

In two doubleheaders last Grayling High week, School's JV softball team posted two losses at East Jordan and a disputed split vs. the Boyne City Ramblers.

On Tuesday, in the squad's season opener, Grayling lost game one 15-4. In the second game, Grayling won by one run, according to the home team's scorebook.

"The second game our scorebooks had discrepancies. Boyne City's books had them up by one and our books had us up by one," Coach Sarah Allen said.

Jordan Stephan pitched both games for Grayling, finishing with 10 strikeouts.

On offense, Stephan and catcher Josie Swander each scored three runs for

Josie Swander bats for Grayling during last week's series vs. Boyne City.



Grayling. On Friday, the Vikings lost two games at East Jordan. The Red Devils won

"The East Jordan game was a tough one for us, and we had a hard time getting the ball in play," Coach Allen said. "I truly feel that the girls did a great job keeping up with East Jordan and that we have a lot of mental errors to work out."

Kara Malm pitched for GHS in the first game of the series. She finished with four strikeouts. Stephan pitched in the second game and had two strikeouts.

The Vikings (1-3 overall) will play at Gaylord on Thursday, April 23, at 4:30 p.m.



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Riley Zigila hits a home run during game one of last Tuesday's doubleheader vs. Boyne City.

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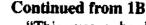
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Junior varsity baseball team off to a 3-1 start

In the team's season opener on Tuesday, the Vikings split a series vs. Boyne City. The Ramblers won 3-1 in game one. The Vikings won

game two 4-3.

In the first game, Zigila had one single and one home run for GHS. Latusek had one single.

"The team did a good job for only having one practice on the field and for only having one practice after spring break," Coach Schreiber said.

Zigila pitched Grayling in game two. He finished with six strikeouts.

Zigila had a two-run home run for GHS. T. Schreiber had one single and one RBI.

"We won the game with runners on first and third - a wild pick-off at first allowed for the runner on third to score and win the game," Coach Schreiber said.

The Vikings (3-1 overall, 3-1 league) will play at Gaylord on Thursday, April 23, at 4:30 p.m.

"This year's JV team has two returning sophomores and nine freshmen, all of whom have played the game together one time before through little league," Coach Schreiber said. "I expect to see a lot out of this team."



Photos by Caleb Casey

First baseman Ethan Lewis applies a tag to a Boyne City runner during a pick-off attempt on Tuesday.

Track team competes at SVSU meet

Grayling High School's girls track team competed in a meet at Saginaw Valley State University on Friday, April 17.

Placements for Grayling included: Hailey McMahon, 9th, 100m dash, 3rd, 200m dash; Laura Boylan, 4th, shot put, 7th, discus.

"This was only our second meet of the season. We definitely need to do some more work and hopefully

the girls will be hitting the

times they need before

regionals," Coach Tim Gariglio said.

Monday's league meet scheduled to be held at GHS was postponed due to rain.

The Vikings will compete in a league meet at East Jordan on Thursday, May 7.

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Decedent's Estate File No. 097564 DE

Estate of LEONA M. BAI-LEY DECEASED Date of birth: 12/26/1910.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, LEONA M. BAILEY, who lived at 2729 Jones Lake Road, Grayling, MI 49738 died 09/04/2006.

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the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Norma L. Secord, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 2729 Jones Lake Road, Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date 4-10-09 Attorney David R. Sabin P19822 115 E. Michigan Avenue Grayling, MI 49738 (989) 348-5588

Personal representative Norma L. Secord 2729 Jones Lake Road Grayling, MI 49738

STATE OF MICHIGAN **46TH CIRCUIT TRIAL** FOR THE COUNTY **CRAWFORD**

ROSE ACCEPTANCE, INC., Case No. 09-5866-SP-1

Plaintiff,

JOHN BENOIT, III, CRISTINA BOUGHNER, AND OCCUPANT, Defendants. SOTIROFF & ABRAMCZYK,

By: Keith A. Sotiroff (P42904) Attorneys for Plaintiff

30400 Telegraph Road, Ste 444

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(248) 642-6000 ORDER UNDER MCR 2.105(I) PERMITTING SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION UNDER MCR 2.106 UPON JOHN BENOIT, III, CRISTINA BOUGH-NER AND OCCUPANT AND

ORDERING SAID DEFEN-

DANTS TO ANSWER Plaintiff having filed its Summons and Complaint after land contract forfeiture and having filed herewith its Motion under MCR 2.105(1) for an Order Permitting Service of Process by Publication under MCR 2.106 and for an Order to Answer, and the Court otherwise

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Defendants John Benoit, III, Cristina Boughner and Occupant, shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law at the offices of the Clerk of this

being fully advised in the premises;

Court at the 46th Circuit Trial Court, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738, on or before

> Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. Failure to comply with this Order shall result in a Judgment by Default against said Defendants, which shall provide for recovery of possession by the Plaintiff of the following described real estate situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, to-wit:

Lot 113, Grayling Mobile Estates No. 4, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 37, Crawford County Records. C/k/a 208 Crestwood, Grayling, MI 49738.

Parcel No. 20-040-45-283-00-133-

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that service of process of this Order and Summons and Complaint heretofore filed, may be made upon said Defendants by publication of a copy of this Order once each week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper in circulation in Crawford County, Michigan, and by sending a copy of this Order to said Defendants John Benoit, III and Occupant at 208 Crestwood, Grayling, MI 49738, and to Defendant Cristina Boughner at 202 Sunflower Dr., Gaylord, MI 49735, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publica-

Hon, Monte J. Burmeister District Court Judge

SYNOPSIS SOUTH **BRANCH TOWNSHIP** April 14, 2009 Regular Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Attending: Luck, Kozlowski, George, Janisse and Musselman. Absent: None. Pledge of Allegiance.

Unapproved

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by George, to accept agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Musselman, and seconded by Janisse, to accept consent agenda, March Regular Meeting Minutes with spelling correction, bills and invoices paid, and projected bills for April, the Treasurer's Report, and Fire/EMT report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by Luck, to accept the AccuMed Billing Service Agreement as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded

by George, to accept funds received for Fire/EMS services billed to two residents, and not to pursue them further, Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by Musselman, to approve payment of invoice for 800MHZ radios for \$616.70, the invoice from Beaver Creek for the antenna fee in the amount of \$750.00, and for four members of the Fire/EMS Dept. to attending the EMS Blitz for \$480.00, and to allow Frederic Township to borrow our water tender. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by Kozlowski, to approve payment of invoice from MC Planning and Design in the amount of \$846.46. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Kozlowski, and seconded by George, to approve payment of invoice from attorney in the amount of \$626.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Kozlowski, and seconded by Luck, to inform Crawford County at the Public Hearing regarding the ORV Ordinance on April 15, 2009, that we are not in agreement with the maps as presented or the way information has been disseminated to the Township. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by Janisse, to approve the payment of the invoice from Workman's Compensation for \$4,430.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Kozlowski, and seconded by Luck, to make the payment to S.T.I.N.G. in the amount of \$2,026.20 in support of the program. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Kozlowski, and seconded by Luck, to accept bid from Roy Simmons for repairs to the well, in the amount of\$400.00 up to \$712.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by Musselman, to approve the sign project at the refuse sites for \$605.92, and any additional cost incurred. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Kozlowski, and seconded by Luck, to support the M.D.N.R and South Branch Township Friends of the Mason Tract Memorandum of Agreement. Ayes: Four. Nays: One. Motion passed.

No public comment. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

ATTENTION SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS **NOTICE**

Holders containing flowers, grave blankets and other "Winter Decorations" must be removed from gravesites at the Township's Pioneer and Rock Cemeteries by May 1, 2009, to allow for "Spring Clean-Up". Any items left after this date will be removed and disposed of at the discretion of the Sexton and the Township Board.

CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP

Township residents are asked to assist the Sexton and Board Members with a voluntary "Clean-Up" project to take place on Saturday, May 2, 2009, at 9:00 am. Please call the Township office at 989-275-8232, Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-12:00 pm, if you have questions and/or you are interested in participating.

For the South Branch Township Board Tom Kozlowski, Supervisor

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **USDA GRANT - TWP. VEHICLE**

DURING IT'S REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING (TUESDAY, MAY 12TH, 2009 AT 7:00 PM.) THE SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP BOARD WILL CON-DUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR COMMENTS REGARDING THE TOWNSHIP'S APPLICATION FOR A U.S.D.A. GRANT- TO BE USED IN THE PUR-CHASE OF A TOWNSHIP VEHICLE

TOM KOZLOWSKI SUPERVISOR, SOUTH BRANCH TWP.



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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Edward C. Robinson II and Barbara M. Robinson, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Green Financial Servicing Corporation nka Green Tree Servicing, LLC, Mortgagee, dated the 6th day of October, 1997 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 8th day of October, 1997 in Liber 439 of Crawford County Records, page 409, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Fifty Two Thousand Four Hundred Two & 98/100 (\$52,402.98), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of May, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 10.490% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Parcel "D", the Northeast 1 / 4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1 / 4 of the Southeast 1 / 4 of Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 2 West,

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 4/23/2009 Green Tree Servicing, LLC Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for Green Tree Servicing, 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800 Troy, MI 48084

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by CHARLES W. SIMPSON, A SINGLE MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's assigns,, successors and Mortgagee, dated July 26, 2006, and recorded on August 1, 2006, in Liber 682, on Page 611, and assigned by said mortgagee to THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand Sixteen Dollars and Forty-One Cents (\$92,016.41), including interest at 7.750% per annum,

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on May 27,

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

THE SOUTH 1 / 2 OF THE NORTH 1 / 2 OF THE NORTH-EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1 /4 OF SECTION 16, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST.

More correctly described as:

THE SOUTH 1 / 2 OF THE NORTH 1 / 2 OF THE NORTH-EAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1 /4 OF SECTION 16, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, TAX ID NO. 20-040-40-016-01-030-00

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with ' 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 16, 2009 THE HUNTINGTON NATION-AL BANK Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450

Southfield, MI 48075

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by William S Ziemczyk, an unmarried man, Mortgagors, to Long Beach Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated the 2nd day of

PUBLIC ACCURACY NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the Tuesday, May 5, 2009

Annual School Election has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at 10:00

a.m. at each of the following voting precinct locations in Crawford County, Grayling, MI:

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program(s) and the elec-

tion ballot counters being used to tabulate the results of the election count the votes in

School Precinct #

office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 7th day of December, 2001 in Liber 562 of Crawford County Records, page 421, said Mortgage having been assigned to U.S. Bank, N.A., successor trustee to Wachovia Bank, N.A. (formerly known as First Union National Bank), as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-4 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Forty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Two and 64/100 (\$49,902.64), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of May, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock AM Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 11.900% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all struc-

October, 2001 and recorded in the

Lot 51 and the N 1 / 2 of Lot 52, Holiday Heights Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 75, Crawford County Records.

tures, and homes, manufactured or

otherwise, located thereon, situated

in the Township of Beaver Creek,

County of Crawford, State of

Michigan, and described as fol-

lows, to wit:

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.324fa, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 4/2/2009 U.S. Bank, N.A., successor trustee to Wachovia Bank, N.A. (formerly known as First Union National Bank), as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-4

Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for U.S. Bank, N.A., successor trustee to Wachovia Bank, N.A. (formerly known as First Union National Bank), as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-4

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OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY, MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary L. Davis and Mary L. Davis, husband and wife, to The Huntington Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated June 21, 2001 and recorded June 22, 2001 in Liber 539, Page 24, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Two and 31/100 Dollars (\$55,322.31) including interest at 7.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 27, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3, Clough's Highland Acres, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 65, Crawford County Records and part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLEC-

6, Town 26 North, range 3 West the point of beginning. Being at the Southeast corner of Lot 3 of the recorded Plat of Clough's Highland Acres, thence South 0 degrees 54 second West 15 feet thence South 87 degrees 06 minutes West 207.91 feet thence North 0 degrees 54 seconds East 15 feet, thence North 87 degrees 06 minutes East 207.91 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PUR-CHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: April 23, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, No. 426.0345 ASAP# 3068135 04/23/2009. 04/30/2009, 05/07/2009, 05/14/2009

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FORECLOSURE

NOTICE FORECLOSURE NOTICE RAN-DALL S. MILLER & ASSOCI-ATES, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLEC-TOR ATTEMPTING TO COL-LECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION **OBTAINED** WILL BE USED FOR THAT PUR-POSE, Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Lawrence J. Julian and Janet Julian a/k/a Janet K. Julian, husband and wife to The Cit Group/Consumer Finance, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 23, 2001, and recorded on November 5, 2001, in Liber 558. Page 397, Crawford County Records, said mortgage was assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust, 2002-BC1 by an Assignment of Mortgage dated August 28, 2007 and recorded on September 11, 2007 in Liber 688 on Page 476, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY NINE AND 42/100 DOL-LARS (\$118,969.42) including interest at the rate of 10.080% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by

some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Crawford County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on May 13, 2009. Said premises are situated in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 100 feet of the South 800 feet of the Southeast ? of the Northwest ? of Section 17, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Township of Frederic, County of Crawford, State of Michigan. 3563 N Manistee River Road The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. Dated: April 9, 2009 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Assignee 43252 Woodward Ave., Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (248) 335-9200 Our File No. 256.00131ASAP# 3052199 04/16/2009, 04/09/2009, 04/23/2009, 04/30/2009

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert J Kayga, a single man and Geraldine L Johnson, a single woman, to Mortgage Plus (Michigan) Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 18, 2005 and recorded May 26, 2005 in Liber 675, Page 649, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-One and 33/100 Dollars (\$85,951.33) including interest at 6.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 20, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 32, Town 27 North, Range 3 West Grayling, Township, Crawford County, Michigan The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: April 16, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File No. 310.4219 ASAP# 3060667 04/16/2009, 04/30/2009, 04/23/2009,

05/07/2009 -16-23-30-7 a sale of the mortgaged premises, or **SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP SEEKS**

"PLANNING **COMMISSION**" **APPLICANTS**

SOUTH BRANCH TWP. IS SEEKING PERSONS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY AS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH BRANCH TWP. PLANNING COMMISSION.

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> TO: SOUTH BRANCH TWP. PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANT P.O. BOX 606 ROSCOMMON, MI 48653

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TOM KOZLOWSKI SUPERVISOR, SOUTH BRANCH TWP.

FORECLOSURE

NOTICE SCHNEIDERMAN & SHER-MAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFOR-MATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILI-TARY DUTY, MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JAMES E. SCHUSTER and JEWEL R. SCHUSTER, HUS-BAND AND WIFE, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns,, Mortgagee, dated January 11, 2007, and recorded on January 30, 2007, in Liber 685, on Page 101, and assigned by said mortgagee to DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL LINC. TRUST 2007-HE6, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Forty-Nine Cents (\$171,456.49), including interest at 9.270% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on May 20, 2009 Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as: PARCEL: 53; COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1 / 4 CORNER OF SECTION 11, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 30 SEC-ONDS EAST ALONG 1/4 LINE 410.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 82 DEGREES 43 MINUTES WEST 644.4 FEET, THENCE NORTH 28 DEGREES 11 MIN-UTES EAST 291.9 FEET; THENCE NORTH 16 DEGREES 12 MINUTES EAST 680.20 FEET, THENCE NORTH 70 DEGREES 41 MINUTES EAST 334.85 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG 1 / 4 LINE 1057.95 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING PART OF THE SOUTH-WEST 1 / 4 OF SECTION 11. TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, GRAYLING TOWNSHIP. TOGETHER WITH AND SUB-JECT TO AN EASEMENT 66.0 FEET WIDE, LYING 33.00 FEET EITHER SIDE OF A CENTER-LINE DESCRIBED AS: COM-MENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 11, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, THENCE NORTH 89 **DEGREES 33 MINUTES 30 SEC-**ONDS WEST ALONG SECTION LINE 1364.95 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE NORTH 43 DEGREES **01 MINUTES EAST 114.00 FEET** THENCE NORTH 58 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 765.40 FEET, THENCE NORTH 29 DEGREES 11 MIN-UTES EAST 291.90 FEET, THENCE NORTH 16 DEGREES 12 MINUTES EAST 680,2 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING. FURTHER SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT 33.0 FEET WIDE LYING SOUTH OF AND ADJA-CENT TO A LINE DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1 / 4 CORNER OF SEC-TION 11, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 54 MIN-UTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG 1 / 4 LINE 1467.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING: THENCE SOUTH 78 DEGREES 41 MINUTES WEST 334.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING. SAID EASEMENTS TO BE USED IN COMMON BY THE PARTIES HERETO, THEIR HEIRS AND ASSIGNS, FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS, AND THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A PUBLIC UTILITIES. FURTHER TOGETH-ER WITH A SPECIAL USE PER-MIT GRANTED BY UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO MAINTAIN A PRIVATE ROAD OVER GOV-ERNMENT LANDS IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 14, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, TO THEIR HEIRS AND ASSIGNS FOREVER. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: April 9, 2009 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2007-HE6

Mortgagee/Assignce Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450 Southfield, MI

ASAP# 3059693 04/16/2009, 04/23/2009. 04/30/2009, 05/07/20099 -16-23-30-7

Crawford County Clerk

the manner prescribed by law.

Legal Action

NOTICE OF **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE** SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLEC-TOR ATTEMPTING TO COL-LECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMA-TION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATIN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus inter-

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nelson L. Betts, Married, original mortgagor(s), to Executive Mortgage of Michigan, LLC, Mortgagee, dated August 10. 2006, and recorded on August 23. 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 841, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Six And 15/100 Dollars (\$120,946.15), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 27, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, lying North of South Hall Road in Section 25, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, State of

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of

such sale. Dated: April 23, 2009 For more information, please call: FC J 248,593,1311

31440 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-

2525 File #257566F01

Attorneys For Servicer

Trott & Trott, P.C.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Warren D Bickmann Sr. an unmarried man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2007, and recorded on February 21, 2007 in Liber 685 on Page 342, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Seven And 58/100 Dollars (\$133,157.58), including interest at 6.875% per

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be forcelosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 6, 2009.

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Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 2 and 3 and 6 feet of vacated alley of Block 3, of Martha H Brinks 2nd Addition to the Village (coursely) of Grayling Crawford (now city) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, page 29, Crawford County

Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a. in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of

such sale. Dated: April 2, 2009 For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer

31440 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-File #255190F01

-2-9-16-23 NOTICE OF **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE** SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus inter-

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel Carney and Carol A Bennett-Carney, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nomince for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 18, 2005, and recorded on March 22, 2005 in Liber 674 on Page 302, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Five And 16/100 Dollars (\$187,545.16), including interest at 6% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 13, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Meadowbrook Manor, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Recorded Plat thereof, as Recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 60, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of

such sale. Dated: April 9, 2009 For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304 Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-File #256460F01

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE **FORECLOSURE** SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus inter-

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lynn Ellen Cash aka Lynn E. Cash, trustee of the Lynn Ellen Cash Revocable Living Trust, dated February 8th 2000, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 30, 2007, and recorded on April 27, 2007 in Liber 686 on Page 686, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Three And 71/100 Dollars (\$126,323.71), including interest at 7.32% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public ven-

Said premises are situated in Records.

South 06 degrees 45 minutes 42 seconds East 33.22 feet; thence South 86 degrees 11 minutes 22 seconds West 10.23 feet; thence North 26 degrees 03 minutes 13

ments and easements, if any. in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

FC J 248.593.1311 Trott & Trott, P.C. Suite 200

due, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 6, 2009.

Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 5, 6, 7, 8 and 21, Block 1, Oakl Hill Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 27 Crawford County

EXCEPTING THEREFROM: Parcel B: Lot 21, Block 1 of Oak Hill Park Subdivision recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 27, Crawford County Records and that part of Lot 5 and 6 of said Subdivision described as beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 21, Block of Oak Hill Park Subdivision recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 27, Crawford County Records; thence South 89 degrees 34 minutes 46 seconds East along the South line of said Lot 6 and Lot 5, (recorded as East 100 feet) 100.20 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 5, Block 1 of said Plat; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 07 seconds East along the East line of said Lot 5, (recorded as North 125 feet) 124.92 feet to the Southerly right of way of Summet Ave; thence North 89 degrees 28 minutes 13 seconds West along said Southerly right of way of said Plat 79.97 feet; thence South 05 degrees 18 minutes 15 seconds East 69.35 feet; thence South 32 degrees 26 minutes 57 seconds West 23.53 feet; thence South 02 degrees 56 minutes 08 seconds East 23.41 feet; thence South 52 degrees 56 minutes 01 seconds West 20.83 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.37 acres more or less. Subject to a temporary easment for an existing well, described as beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 21, Block 1 of Oak Hill Park Subdivision recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 27 Crawford County Records; thence North 52 degrees 56 minutes 01 seconds East 20.80 feet; thence

seconds West 23.50 feet to the point of beginning. Further subject to: Restrictions, reservations, agree-The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a,

Dated: April 2, 2009 For more information, please call: Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway,

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-File #248538F01

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE **FORECLOSURE** SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus inter-

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Patrick Moore an unmarried man, as his sole and separate property, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 28, 2005, and recorded on August 8, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 612, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to CitiMortgage, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Seventy And 21/100 Dollars (\$165,070.21), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 27, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel "F": Part of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 32, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 32, Thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes West (along the North Section Line), 840.76 feet, Thence South 36 degrees 32 minutes 20 seconds West, 547.49 feet, Thence South 10 degrees 43 minutes 50 seconds West, 300 feet to the point of beginning; Thence continuing South 10 degrees 43 minutes 50 seconds West, 220 feet; Thence South 88 degrees 43 minutes 50 seconds West, 412.25 feet to the Left Bank of the East Branch of the AuSable River, Thence North 46 degrees 43 minuets 50 seconds East, (along said river bank), 86.55 feet, Thence North 17 degrees 14 minutes 50 seconds East (along said river bank), 70.2 feet, Thence North 25

degrees 17 minutes 10 seconds West (along said river bank), 126.90 feet, Thence North 13 degrees 04 minutes 10 seconds West (along said river bank), 123.0 feet, Thence South 73 degrees 16 minutes 10 seconds East 471.22 feet to the point of beginning.

This parcel extends to the centerline of the East Branch of the AuSable River,

Also Subject to and use of easements as shown on Survey Map, recorded in Liber 182, Page 524, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 23, 2009 For more information, please call: FC C 248.593.1301 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #259404F01

-23-30-7-14 NOTICE OF **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE** SALE

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solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus inter-

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Norman E Poll and Bonnie J Poll, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 18, 2007, and recorded on October 22, 2007 in Liber 689 on Page 6, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to MetLife Home Loans, a division of MetLife Bank, N.A. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Four And 56/100 Dollars (\$84,284.56), including interest at

7.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public ven-due, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 6, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 37, Grayling Manor, Grayling Township, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 2, 2009 For more information, please call: FC R 248.593.1305 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer

31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-

File #254072F01 -2-9-16-23

Crawford County Road Commission NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, April 30th, 2009, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing season requirements of the following materials and/or items:

> Aggregates - F.O.B. Suppliers Pit Corrugated Plastic Pipe. Corrugated Metal Pipe Hot Mix & Cold Patch Asphalt **Asphalt Emulsions** Blacks

All materials must meet current Michigan Department of Transportation specifications. Additional information may be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Ken Riehle, Chairman. John Hartman, Vice-Chairman Jim Burtch, Commissioner

INVITATION TO BID

Crawford County Building & Site Improvements Phase 1 Grayling, Michigan

Crawford County will accept sealed bids at the County Building, 200 West Michigan, Grayling, Michigan 49738, until 10:00 A.M. local time, May 15, 2009 for the Building & Site Improvements Phase 1 project.

The project consists of furnishing all labor, materials. and equipment for construction of an approximately 2,700sft masonry building addition, the associated site work, utilities, sidewalks, landscaping and various interior renovations of the existing building.

The instructions to bidders, drawings, and specifications may be examined at the County Building and at the office of the Engineer, Northwest Design Group, Inc., 2940 Parkview Drive, Petoskey, MI 49770. Bidding documents may be purchased from the Engineer for the non-refundable fee of \$125.00 per set.

Bids must be made upon the appropriate bidding forms. All bids must be plainly marked as to their content. A certified check or bidder's bond for the sum not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid will be required with each bid.

The bidder to whom a contract is awarded will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and material payment bond, each in the amount of on hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount.

No bid may be withdrawn for 30 days after the bid opening date.

Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects or abnormalities in bids, and to accept the bid deemed to be in their best interest.

Paul Compo, Crawford County Controller April, 2009.

SOUTH BRANCH **TOWNSHIP SEEKS "ZONING BOARD- ALTERNATE**" **APPLICANTS**

SOUTH BRANCH TWP. IS SEEKING PERSONS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY AS AN ALTERNATE ON THE SOUTH BRANCH TWP. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA).

THIS IS AN APPOINTED POSITION FOR A TERM OF (3) THREE YEARS, INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS MUST BE RESIDENTS OF SOUTH BRANCH TWP. AND SHOULD SUBMIT A COMPLETED EMPLOYEE APPLICATION ALONG WITH A RESUME OR LETTER OF INTEREST.

> TO: SOUTH BRANCH TWP. **ZBA APPLICANT** P.O. BOX 606 ROSCOMMON, MI 48653

ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE TOWNSHIP DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS (9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON) AT 989-275-8232

TOM KOZLOWSKI SUPERVISOR, SOUTH BRANCH TWP.

Annual School Election Notice

To All Qualified Electors Of Crawford County:

The Annual School Election Will Be Held Tuesday, May 5, 2009 For The Purpose of Electing two Candidates to the Crawford AuSable School Board (2 - 6 year terms) and a 18.0000 bond millage.

The Polls Of Said Election Will Be Open at 7:00 A.M., And Will Remain Open Until 8:00 P.M. On Tuesday, May 5, 2009.

Two people will be elected to the Crawford AuSable School Board of Education. Any write-in candidate must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, April 24,

Voting Precinct Locations:

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All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election:

Grayling City Hall, 1020 City Blvd., Grayling, MI 49738 Frederic, Maple Forest & Otsego Lake Twp's - Frederic Twp. Community 2

Center, 7565 W. County Rd. 612, Frederic, MI 49733 Lovells Twp. Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Rd., Gravling, MI 49738

Gravling Twp. Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738

(precincts 5 & 6 are vacated for 2009) Beaver Creek Twp. Community Center, 8888 S. Grayling, Rd., Grayling, MI

Bear Lake Twp. Community Center, 198 E. Bear Lake Rd. Kalkaska, MI 49646

Sandra Moore, Crawford AuSable Election Coordinator

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www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago April 24, 1986

Governor Blanchard designated this week, April 20-26, as Wildfire Prevention Week to remind state residents spring is the time most grass fires and forest fires occur. Crawford County residents shouldn't need the reminder because this area is the hottest spot in the state for forest fires. Last year, the Grayling DNR firefighting crew fought 55 fires that burned a total of 1,857 acres. Statewide, only a little more than 5,000 acres burned last year. That means our area accounted for about 37 percent of the total number of acres burned in the state last year.

The Grayling Vikings baseball team won nine out of 10 innings Thursday, but failed to pick up a win against Central Lake. They dropped the opening game 8-5, after leading 4-3 going into the seventh.

With the traditional trout season opening, a group of fishermen will seek an injunction Wednesday in circuit court to halt a new no-kill rule on the AuSable

mainstream. Committee to Oppose Catch and Release, its executive committee of Peter Stephan, Lacey Stephan, Dwight Hassan, Harrison Goodhue and Clarence LaMotte, along with Senator Connie Binsfeld, Representative Ralph Ostling, the City of Grayling and the AuSable River Systems Property Owners Association have

filed suit asking for a temporary restraining order against the new rule.

Duane Brooks, of the DNR Forest Management Division in Grayling, was among 10 DNR employees honored by the Natural Resources Commission for outstanding job performances. Brooks was given the award for his work in achieving an effective agreement with Michigan National Guard for fire suppression during periods when the guards train on Camp Grayling ranges.

46 Years Ago April 25, 1963

A flash fire, which was believed to be caused by a faulty space heater that exploded in the Betty Moes home on the corner of Lake and Plum street about midnight last Wednesday, took the lives of five children ranging in age from two to nine.

Dora's Beauty Shop, owned and operated by Dora Feldhauser, will open May 1 at 609 Park Street.

Six pairs of ducks were released in the Grayling City Park river waters near the water tower. This is the first of more to be put there Grayling the Sportsman's Club as a tourist attraction and for the townspeople to enjoy. The ducks will be pinion clipped so that they stay in the area. People are welcome to watch and feed the ducks.

Announcement of the sale of Penrod's Cabins on the AuSable in Grayling was

made the first part of the week by the Frank L. Bonds who sold it to the Gordon "Sandy" Thompsons. The Thompsons will take over the active management of the popular resort as of May

The City of Grayling Fire Department is planning a city wide fire inspection of every business place and home to start on Monday, May 13. The volunteer firemen urgently request the cooperation of each home-

Camp LaVictoire, located northeast of Grayling, and a new boys camp near Houghton Lake, may be used by the state of Michigan to ease congestion at the Boys Vocational School. Governor George Romney and welfare officials are ready to make a transfer of 100 boys to the named locations.

Richard W. Dodge, of Saginaw, took over ownership and management of local Chevrolet, Oldsmobile and Cadillac sales and service as of Monday morning. The purchase was made from James Brown of Grayling. Dodge has spent the past 10 years in auto financing and retail auto sales. He plans to move his family to Grayling in the next week or so.

69 Years Ago April 25, 1940

On Saturday, April 27. Willard Harwood will officially open his new restaurant on U.S. 27, which was formerly his grocery store

is no walk in the

and sandwich shop. The grocery shop has been made into a large dining room, the walls painted in two shades of ivory and the ceiling in a lighter shade. There are 15 matching ivory booths. Along one side of the room is a long counter with red padded stools. The former sandwich shop has been remodeled into a dance floor. A nickelodeon will furnish the music at times when there is no orchestra.

The Carl Sorenson barber shop is being nicely repainted on the inside.

Joseph Merrill and family have moved from the former Lorane Sparkes home on Michigan Avenue to the George A. Collen house on Cedar Street.

James Bugby, Roy Lovely and Howard Winterlee left Grayling for Ludington to take the ferry across to Milwaukee, to go aboard one of the boats that will sail the lakes and to work on it for the summer.

92 Years Ago April 26, 1917

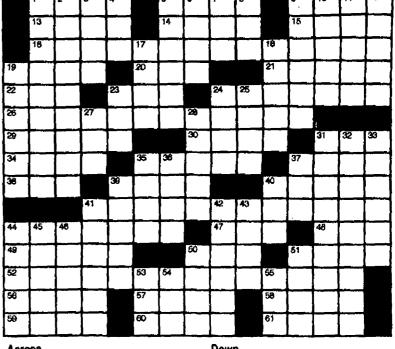
Emerson Bates is the lucky boy appointed first alternate from this district to take the examination for admission to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. This is the first time in the history of Crawford County that such a privilege has been offered to any of our

The construction of a club house at Portage Lake is being contemplated. The plans and specifications are already on hand. The building is to cost \$15,000.

Trouble stalks you

at every turn, Libra,

but you always find



1. Areas of a concert hall where the

2. Band or bracelet worn around the

12. Ceremonial staffs carried as a sym-

audience sits

4. "Amen!"

6. Call for

9. Charge

11. A-list

bol of office

17. Coastal raptor

18. Pandemonium

24. Biology lab supply

27. It may be boring

33. Woman chaperon

36. ___ bitten, twice shy*

44. Mashed potato with spring onions

45. Meteorological effects

28. Early maturity

31. Make laws

32. Tavem

35. 10 jiao

37. Except

39. Jerk

40. Bleat

42. Leana

43. Criminal

46. Tracks

41. Kind of case

25. Dermatologist's concern

19. Name holder

23. Calamity

5. Cuba, e.g.

8. Bauxite, e.g.

10. Draconian

3. Long, long time

7. ___ el Amama, Egypt

wrist

Across

1. "Shoo!" 5. "What's gotten ___ you?"

9. "Beg pardon ..."

13. Advocate 14. Merlin, e.g.

15. Basic unit of money in Western

Samoa 16. Locomotive driven by the electric

current generated by a diesel engine

19. Speak to rudely 20. "Awesome!"

21. Dispatch 22. His "4" was retired

23. Setting for TV's "Newhart" 24. Parisian gangsters

26. Nonsense

29. Bring up the rear 30. Boat propellers

31, "Acid"

34. "___ it the truth!" 35. You are

37. Bridges of Los Angeles County

38. "Crikey!"

39. Stalk 40. Brass instrument without valves

41. Terminal that serves bus passen-

44. B-complex vitamin that is a constituent of lecithin

47. When doubled, a dance

48. "My boy"

49. Devastation

50. ___ cross

51. Arm bone

52. Large edible crab of northern Pacific waters

56. Blemish

57. Fluff 58. ___ bread

59. "Check this out!"

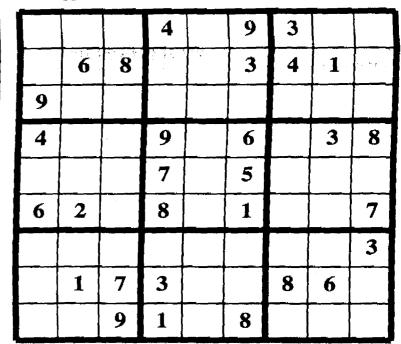
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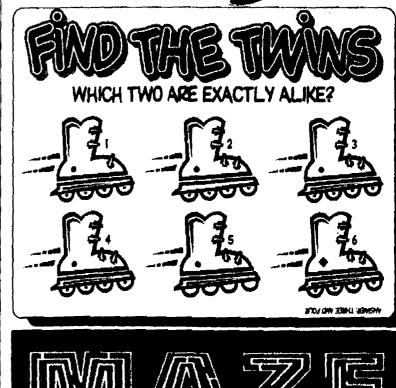
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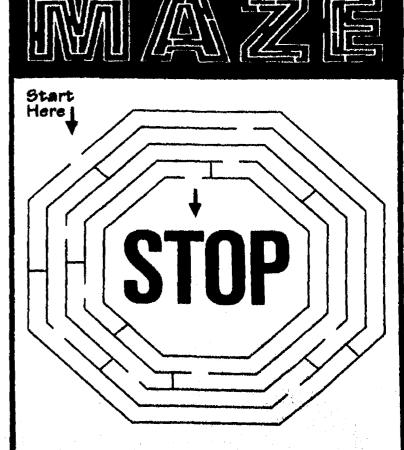


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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS







get to you, Aries. mething else is Sunnier times are on bite off more than you can chew, Envy help, and they will. going on. The debate rears its ugly head at treats top off the June 22-September 23gaiety at work Join in! an event, but you fever pitch at home October 22 July 22 squeich it. Wouldn't you know it? Just when you're You've been You've been way too busy lately. Finish what's on you, does it? At least that's the attitude ready to enjoy a little an issue for what our plate and take me-on-one time with eems like forever. you'll hold this week few days off. Whisk that special someone loward life at home, However, this week. it will all come to a Scorpio. You're pals drop by. satisfying end. Get off on a romantic staying out of July 23-October 23-Japuary 20rendezvous, Leo. out the party horns Aquarius; they have August 22 November 21 and taking some time to yourself. and celebrate, important news to share with you. All right, Sagittarius hobby loses its You get what you Tact cludes you at a allure. Not to worry, deserve. Lucky for Green thoughts special event, Pisces, you, Virgo, it's Gemini. The magic and what you do next of activity at home astounds everyone. hoped for A trip Keep up the good Laugh it off. you need it most. work. Every little bit Everyone acts out oicks up at work initiates plans for you do to save the of sorts from time August 23-November 22and assignments

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For the week of April 23, 2009

You receive a chilly

friend. Don't let it

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is cutrently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our web site for more information.

Capricorn, that you count on that

dear friend. They

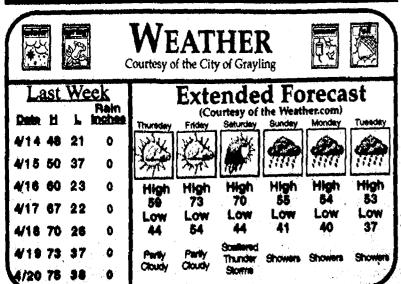


Jackson is a very handsome and sweet brindle Pit Bull mix. He is sensitive and very affectionate. This wonderful two year old would like a nice, quiet, stable adult home. He has been neutered, vaccinated and microchipped.

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5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgroun Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday, 10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

nore puts or more information, visit our web site www.ascc.petfinder.com



OF THE WEEK

Enjoy!



MEDITERRANEAN MOZZA-CHICKEN

December 21

Inaredients: 4 small boneless

skinless chicken breast halves (1 lb.) 1 red onion, halved, sliced

1 zucchini, chopped

dressing or marinade

1/4 cup Italian

or cherry tomatoes 1/2 cup pitted black olives 1 cup shredded

1/2 cup halved grape

Mozzarella cheese

Directions: Heat large nonstick skillet sprayed with cooking spray on medium-high heat. Add chicken; cover skillet with lid. Cook 5 to 7 min. on each side or until chicken is done (165°F), adding onions and zucchini after 5 min. Add dressing, tomatoes and olives; cover. Cook on medium-low heat 2 min. or until heated through. Stir mixture. Top with cheese; cover. Cook 2 min. or until cheese is melted.

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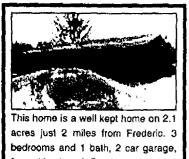
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1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling, price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

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fenced backyard. Ready to more into A great place to live or an up north get away for you. #6073 \$79,900



2. For Rent

WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS

Whispering Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. We are accepting applications for Seniors 62 years of age and older and Handicap/Disabled persons, regardless of age. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity.

SEASTINGTON TOD 1-800-649-3777.

3. Employment

1. Real Estate

"UP **SECLUDED** NORTH" CABIN 3 bedroom, 1 bath, close to recreational activities. MLS #257329, \$52,000. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 989-348-6481 or visit our web site, callcoldwellbanker.com. (-16-23/1)

SPECIAL OFFER on this home! 3 bedroom, 1 bath in town. MLS #257618, \$69,900. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 989-348-6481 or visit our web site, callcoldwellbanker.com. (-16-23/1)

MOBILE HOME Marlette, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, large living room, kitchen and dining room combo and 7 x 21 extension. Excellent condition. 989-732-7086. (-23-30/1)

JUST REDUCED! 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath home in town. Hardwood floors, full basement, 2 car garage and large building for storing toys. MLS # 241887, \$116,500. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 989-348-6481. (-23/1)

2. For Rent

Grayling Pines Apartments

Grayling Pines Apartments currently accepting applications for 1-and 2bedroom apartments. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas and private patios/ balconies. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

3. Employment

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION (CCHC) is seeking bids for a MSHDA qualified homeownership counselor to provide counseling on a contractual basis.

Bids to be based on a percentage of Fee Schedule as provided by MSHDA's Homeownership Counseling Program, also to include list of services to be provided by counselor.

The CCHC will be accepting bids until 4:00 p.m. May 5, 2009. MSHDA Certified Counselors may submit bids to Crawford County Housing Commission at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

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1 Real Estate

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BEDROOM FUR-NISHED CABIN on 20 acres. Bath with path, adjoins state land. MLS #256334, \$50,000. Call Coldwell banker Cornell Realty at

2 BEDROOM 2 bath home on 2 1/2 acres. Hunt, fish and snowmobile in your your backyard. \$70,000, Frederic. 989-745-3370. (-23-30/1)989-348-6481. (23/1)

2. For Rent

MOBILE HOMES **RENT** 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers 348-5278. for sale. (9/28/06tf/2)

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FOR RENT 2 bedroom apartment located in town. \$550 per month. Call 370-2745 or 710-1194. (-16-23/2)

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SMALL 2 BEDROOM **HOUSE** 1/2 mile from Bear Lake. \$460 a month plus deposit. Pets welcome. Call 231-275-6887. (-23/2)

GRAYLING 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath townhouse. Appliances and no pets. \$635 plus security deposit. 989-344-9070. (-23-30-7/2)

FOR RENT 1 apartment located in town. \$500 per month, utilities included. Call 710-1194 or 370-2745. (-16-23/2)

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for upcoming availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (03/26/09tf/2)

FOR RENT Efficiency apartment, includes heat, electric, cable TV, plowing and trash pick up. No pets. \$375 a month, \$200 security deposit, 989-348-2137 or 989-370-1735. (-23-30/2)

HOME FOR RENT 4 to 6 bedroom, 2 bath executive retreat with outbuildings in Lovells. \$1,200 per month plus utilities. Call 989-732-2600. (7/10/08tf/2)

ARE YOU WORKING in the area and need to rent something by the week or month? We have kitchenettes. North Country Lodge, 348-8471. (-23-30-

14 x 65 2 bedroom mobile home, I car garage, appliances included. 2 1/2 acres on Wilcox Bridge Road, no smoking and no pets. \$400 per month. 348-5281. (-23/2)

2. For Rent

1 BEDROOM upstairs apartment for single person. No children or pets. Immediate occupancy, 989-348-4006, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (4/23/09tf/2)

FOR RENT 1 bedroom house. \$425 a month plus utilities, 108 Milltown Court. Call 989-430-7497. (-23/2)

BEAUTIFUL **FULLY FURNISHED** Luxury apartment in downtown Grayling on the AuSable River. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Open living room design. \$900 a month plus utilities. Includes all lawn maintenance and snowplowing. 989-370-1290. (10/2/08tf/2)

APT OR HOUSE For rent, near Camp Grayling. Utilities not included. 989-348-3215. (-16-23/2)

2 BEDROOM MOBILE with washer, dryer and appliances. No pets. \$450 plus deposit. 348-2418. (-9-16-23-30/2)

LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS 3 bedroom, 2 bath, two car garage. Partly furnished, available in June. \$700 per month, one year lease and no pets. 248-701-2026 or 239-495-7545. (3/26/09tf/2)

1 BEDROOM DUPLEX with utilities, \$550. 2 bedroom duplex, \$450, 348-5230. (-26-2-9-16-23-30-7-14/2)

3 BEDROOM NICE HOME Near Higgins Lake, off Old 27. 821-6225 (+23-44) 30/2)

FOR RENT Large home with garage, 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. \$700 a month. 989-348-4179. (-23-30-/2)

3. Employment

SUMMER HELP WANT-ED Stock help, Dairy Queen and cashiers. Evergreen Party Store, Higgins Lake. 989-821-5425. (-23-30/3)

CLIP N CURL SALON in Higgins Lake is looking for a stylist. Apply in person Tuesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday, ask for Tammy. (-23-30/3)

LOOKING for a part-time summer job? Leelin Home Health Care has immediate openings in the city of Grayling, and we are accepting applications for all surrounding areas. Experience in personal care preferred but we will train the appropriate candidate. Our scheduling is flexible and completed a month in advance for your summertime plans. If you are interested in being part of our rewarding team call 1-800-274-0100 for an interview, EOE. (-16-23/3)

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3 Employment

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FIREWOOD APRIL **MADNESS SPECIAL \$45** per cord, cut, split and delivered. 989-657-1706. (-2-9-16-23-30/4)

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SPRING CLEAN UP Deck repair, lawn care, debris hauling. Call Northern Lawn & Homecare, 989-390-0093. (-16-23-30/4)

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4 Services Offered TOP PRICES for hard

maple timber. Free estimates. 20 trees minimum. 989-942-1266. (-16-23-30-7-14-21-28-4/4) TO GEO-LEARN

CACHE! Join us at the AuSable Valley Recreation Expo on Saturday, April 25, at the Grayling Ramada. Start time 10:15 a.m. For more information, go to www.ausableexpo.com or call 989-344-0204. (-16-23/4)

GARDEN Roto-tilling tractor with 6 ft. rototiller. Al's Outdoor Maintenance, 231-258-1245. (-16-23-30-7/4)

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HI-TECH TREASURE **HUNT!** Love the outdoors? Got a sense of adventure and a GPS? Then join us at the AuSable Valley Recreation Expo Saturday, April 25, at the Grayling Ramada for a fun filled day of geocaching. For more information, go to www.ausableexpo.com or call 989-344-0204. (-16-23/4)

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5. For Sale

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8. Announcements

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The NEMCSA - Region IX Area Agency on Aging will conduct two public hearings on its proposed Multi-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2010-2012. The plan will address the distribution of funds and provision of services under the Older Americans Act, for the counties of Alcona. Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon.

The hearings will be held as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, May 19, 2009

TIME: 1:00 pm

PLACE: Houghton Lake Senior Center

2625 Townline Road

Houghton Lake, Michigan 48629

DATE: Tuesday, May 26, 2009

TIME: 10:00 am

PLACE: Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency

2375 Gordon Road Alpena, Michigan 49707

A summary of the plan will be available at the hearing, or upon request, 15 days prior to the public hearings. Copies may be obtained at the Region 9 Area Agency on Aging, 2375 Gordon Road, Alpena or by calling (989) 356-3474 ext. 261.

Written testimony accepted through June 19, 2009.

1. Real Estate

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5 For Sale

GO CART 6 hp, suspension, electric start and lights, \$850, 348-4432. (-23/5)

local resident. (-23-30/5)

390-5244. (-23/5)

6. Wanted

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Joni Dunckel @ 348-9266

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6041. (10/16/08tf/6)

8. Announcements

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If you have any questions please

CRAIG HINKLE

7. Miscellaneous

NEEDS A GOOD HOME 6 year old Chihuahua. Very loving female, spayed and has shots. No pets allowed where we are moving to.

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8. Announcements

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PAYING CASH for used propane cylinders. Must be in decent shape. Please call 800-292-9295 or 348-7647. (4/16/09tf/6)

6. Wanted

WANTED Gently used books for Friends of the Crawford County Library. Please no encyclopedias, magazines, textbooks or books in poor condition. **Donations** are deductible. Please drop off at the library during regular business hours. Call 348-9214 if you have any questions. (-16-23-30-7/6)

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8. Announcements

Notice to Bidders:

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(10/11/07tf/8)

Hanson Hills is looking to install a single-ply membrane roof-system, to replace its current metal roof on the north facing side of the Main Lodge building. Bids should recommend underlayment materials for the membrane.

For additional information please call 989-348-9266. Bids will be sealed.

Bids should be received by Noon May 11th, 2009.

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP LARGE ITEM DAYS **SATURDAY** May 16th, 2009

September 19th, 2009 8:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

This service will be available at both the Pioneer and McMasters Refuse Sites.

ITEMS ALLOWED:

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Yard waste, building materials or hazardous liquids/materials.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Tires are **NOT** being collected this year

MUST HAVE A 2009 PERMIT TO ENTER

Note: In order for more residents to take advantage of this service, the Township Board has set a limit of (1) one drop off load per Permit for each day.

The Township reserves the right to refuse improper items, or items in excess.

Note: This is a costly service, provided to permit holders of South Branch Township, and should not be misused.

Please direct any questions or concerns to the Township Hall, Mon.-Fri., 9 am - 12 pm, at (989) 275-8232.

South Branch Township Board

8. Announcements

BROWN ESTATE AUC-TION! April 25, 10 a.m. Perry Creek & M-33, Mio. Antique modern furniture; antiques; glass; kitchen; household; primitives; frames art; collectibles; books; coins & more! View online or call. Lets Talk Auction! 989-848-5158, www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-23/8)

OPEN MIKE NIGHT Friday, May 1, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Thanks a Latte and Flowers by Josie. All are welcome. Soups, chili, pizza, sandwiches and desserts available. Uptown Grayling. (-23-30/8)

COMMUNITY CALEN-DAR Place your organization's events on Crawford Community County's Calendar. Go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, under services, to submit your event. For more information. call our office at 989-348-6811. (-3/19/09tf/8)

LIKE TO GOLF? Fox Run's Thursday Night Ladies League has a few openings. Contact Jan at 989-275-9833. (-16-23/8)

LEARN TO GEO-CACHE! Join us at the AuSable Valley Recreation Expo on Saturday, April 25, at the Grayling Ramada. Start time 10:15 a.m. For more information, go to www.ausableexpo.com or call 989-344-0204. (-16-23/8)

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8 Announcements

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9. Personals

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10. Garage Sale

ESTATE SALE April 23, 24 and 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Furniture, appliances, collectibles, dishes. Everything must go! 2455 Peaceful Vista, M-72 past Stephan Bridge Road to Sunset. (-23/10)



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10. Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE and silent auction, April 24 and 25, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at St. Mary Parish, Grayling, 707 Spruce St. Housewares, furniture, sporting goods, tools and more are available. (-23/10)

PROJECT GRADUA-TION will be holding their annual garage sale on Saturday, April 25, 2009. This garage sale will be held at the AuSable Primary cafeteria from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds benefit the 2009 Grayling High School Senior class project graduation party. Rain or shine, come out and support the kids. (-23/10)

FIRST TIME GARAGE SALE Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. M-72 East, 2 1/2 miles east of Stephan Bridge Road. Hundreds of DVD and VHS movies, furniture, antiques, dishes, coke bottles and vending machines. Something for everyone. (-23/10)

11 Automotive

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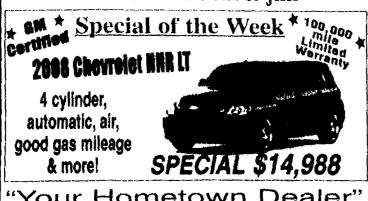
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Tyler Hanson slides under a tag at second base during Friday's series vs. East Jordan.

Baseball squad wins Kingsley Tournament on Saturday

Continued from 1B

In game one, Jacob Aubry doubled and scored on a double by Luke Schneider for Grayling's only run.

The Vikings had a 5-0 lead in the second game, but five errors and six walks derailed the effort.

Zach Wolcott had three hits and two RBIs for GHS. Schneider had two hits and two RBIs. Aubry finished with one double and two RBIs.

"We had no chance in the first game, but should have won the second. Too many miscues and walks," Coach Schneider said.

On Friday, the Vikings hosted the East Jordan Red Devils in another Lake Michigan Conference series. East Jordan won game one, and the second game was called due to darkness.

"(It) was a battle in both games. In the first game, the Vikings again did not make plays and made too many mistakes. Jensen Aubry was the losing pitcher, but did not deserve it. He struck out six (and) only gave up four earned runs," Coach Schneider said.

In game one, Jensen Aubry was 3 for 3 with three RBIs. Jacob Aubry had one hit and two RBIs. Schneider had one RBI.

In the second game, the Vikings took a 10-2 lead going into the top of the fourth inning, "but walks and miscues got the Red Devils back into the game," Coach Schneider said.

The contest was tied at 10-10 in the sixth inning and the game was suspended due to darkness.

Peter Alexander had two hits and two RBIs for Grayling. Tyler Hanson had one hit and two RBIs. Jacob Aubry had one hit and one RBI. Wolcott had one hit and one RBI.

On Saturday, the Vikings competed in the Kingsley Invitational. Their first opponent was Manistee.

"Freshman Riley Zigila got his first varsity start and it was a good one," Coach



Shortstop Taylor DesEnfants throws to first base after fielding a grounder on Friday.

Schneider said.

Zigila scattered three hits and allowed one earned run in a 4-2 victory.

Schneider led off the game with a base hit and scored on a double by Jensen Aubry. In the fourth inning, Eric Ferrigan led off with a double, followed by a double by Tyler Hanson, who stole third and scored on a wild pitch. In the fifth inning, Taylor DesEnfants singled and scored on a

double by Jensen Aubry. Jensen Aubry finished with two doubles and two RBIs. DesEnfants had two hits. Hanson had one double and one RBI.

The Vikings defeated Kingsley 4-3 in the tournament's championship game.

Wolcott, the winning pitcher for Grayling, struck out six batters. He allowed three hits and one earned

Kingsley scored two runs in the first inning. In the second inning, Jensen Aubry led off with a double. The next batter - Ferrigan drove a ball over the left field fence for a home run, tying the score at 2-2. The Stags scored on an error in the third inning.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, Zigila led off with a double and moved to third on a fly ball. Jake Helsel hit a double to drive in Zigila. Hanson moved Helsel to third with a base hit. Helsel scored the game winning run on a passed ball.

Jensen Aubry, Zigila, Wolcott, and Ferrigan made the all-tournament team for the Vikings.

"We started to play better over the weekend and showed that we can be a good ball club. Some of our underclassmen are really playing well and our pitching is showing signs of improvement every time they get on the mound," Coach Schneider said. "We had one practice after spring break and started the season. I believe the week off really hurt us."

"We have a lot of young, talented baseball players. As they mature and blend with our seniors, we will become a very tough team to beat," Coach Schneider

Grayling (2-3 overall, 0-3 league) will host the Gaylord Blue Devils on Thursday, April 23, at 4:30 p.m.





Second baseman Luke Schneider, left, throws to first base on Friday. Jacob Aubry, right, runs from second base to third.